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Bowling greens to open at cricket club

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

TWO new bowling greens are to be created at Ormskirk Cricket Club on Altys Lane.

One will be an artificial surface, all–weather green that can be used throughout the year.

The greens will be used by Ormskirk Bowling Club which was formed in January, 2013 and consists mainly of members from the former Comrades Bowling Club, which was forced to close when the social club closed in 2008.

Chris Ellis, former secretary of the Comrades, is now president of the Ormskirk Bowling Club.

Bowlers who have joined have also come from the Windmill Bowling Club, whose green was under threat last year.

Members will discuss the latest plans on Monday, February 23 at the club's annual general meeting and anyone interested in joining and finding out more about the club is welcome to attend.

Funding for the greens will come from development funds from West Lancs Council, with the majority of this money from the developers of the former Comrades site on Southport Road.

Steve James, chairman of Ormskirk Bowling Club, said: "We are delighted that progress is being made on the development of the two new greens and we will welcome new members. This should complement the excellent facilities at the cricket club.

"We would especially like to attract new bowlers and plan to run training sessions once our greens are open later this year.

"This will be a quality facility and will be a big boost to the local bowling scene at a time when we have seen so many greens disappearing."

• Anyone interested in joining the club can attend the meeting at 8pm on Monday, February 23.

MUM'S MISSION FOR BABY UNIT

Stephanie aims to raise £15,000 to help buy emergency incubator

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A GRATEFUL mum whose baby daughter was born nearly three months prematurely is aiming to say thanks to the staff of Ormskirk Hospital's neo–natal unit by raising £15,000 to help buy a vital piece of equipment.

Stephanie Beqo feared the worst when little Mia arrived 11 weeks early on June 18 last year weighing just 2lbs 11oz.

But thanks to the efforts of caring staff at the unit the tiny youngster survived and thrived. And after six weeks of treatment she was finally able to go home with a relieved Stephanie and her husband, Emiliano.

Now the 29–year–old mum from Bebles Road, Aughton is organising a sponsored walk up Mount Snowdon to raise money to help buy a new emergency incubator for the neo–natal unit to replace its current ageing one.

The full cost of an incubator is £40,000 but the staff and supporters of the unit have already raised £25,000 to date, thanks to donations and fundraising events.

Stephanie is hoping to raise the remaining £15,000 by getting 150 people to join her in the walk up the highest monuntain Wales in July.

It will cost walkers £100 each to take part. This will include the cost of coaches to and from Wales.

The first 50 places on the trip have already been filled and Stephanie is hoping that local businesses and individuals will rally round to enable her to reach her target.

She said: "Emiliano and I have never done anything like this before but we are really looking forward to it.

"We know first–hand how important this unit is and we are hoping that the community of Ormskirk will get behind us and support our fundraiser.

"Our daughter was born at just 29 weeks but she is absolutely fine now and has suffered no complications – you wouldn't know now that she had been born premature.

"However, we do realise how very lucky we were – lots of children born so early do suffer from complications – and we want to give something back to the fantastic unit that cared for Mia.

"We have already filled the first 50 places which should raise £5,000, but we need local businesses and families to get behind us to raise the full amount.

"We've got match–funding from Barclays bank but that's just up to the first £750 so we still have a way to go."

• ANYONE wishing to join the walk can contact Stephanie via email at stephbeqo@hotmail.co.uk.

Stephanie and Emiliano Beqo with their daughter Mia **Code NA**

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Chance to nominate your health heroes for Pride award

Report by **Ollie Cowan**

MEMBERS of the public are once again being given the chance to nominate a member of staff working at our local hospitals or in our community health services for special recognition for their excellence and professionalism.

The Southport and Ormksirk Hospitals NHS Trust's Pride Awards, now in their seventh year, will be held on Friday, June 5 at the Southport Theatre and Convention Centre.

The Patients' Award is an opportunity for patients and their families to show their individual appreciation to a particular member of staff or team.

The award is short–listed only from staff nominated by members of the public. Nominations can be made online by visiting the trust's website.

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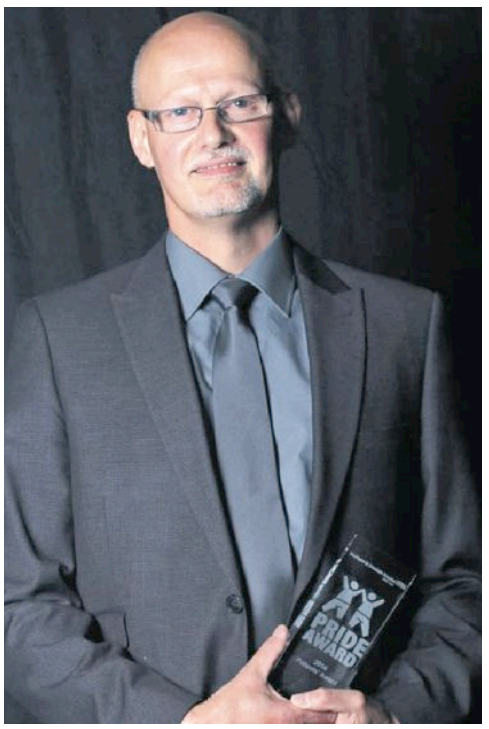
Staff themselves meanwhile can nominate colleagues for awards in 12 other categories.

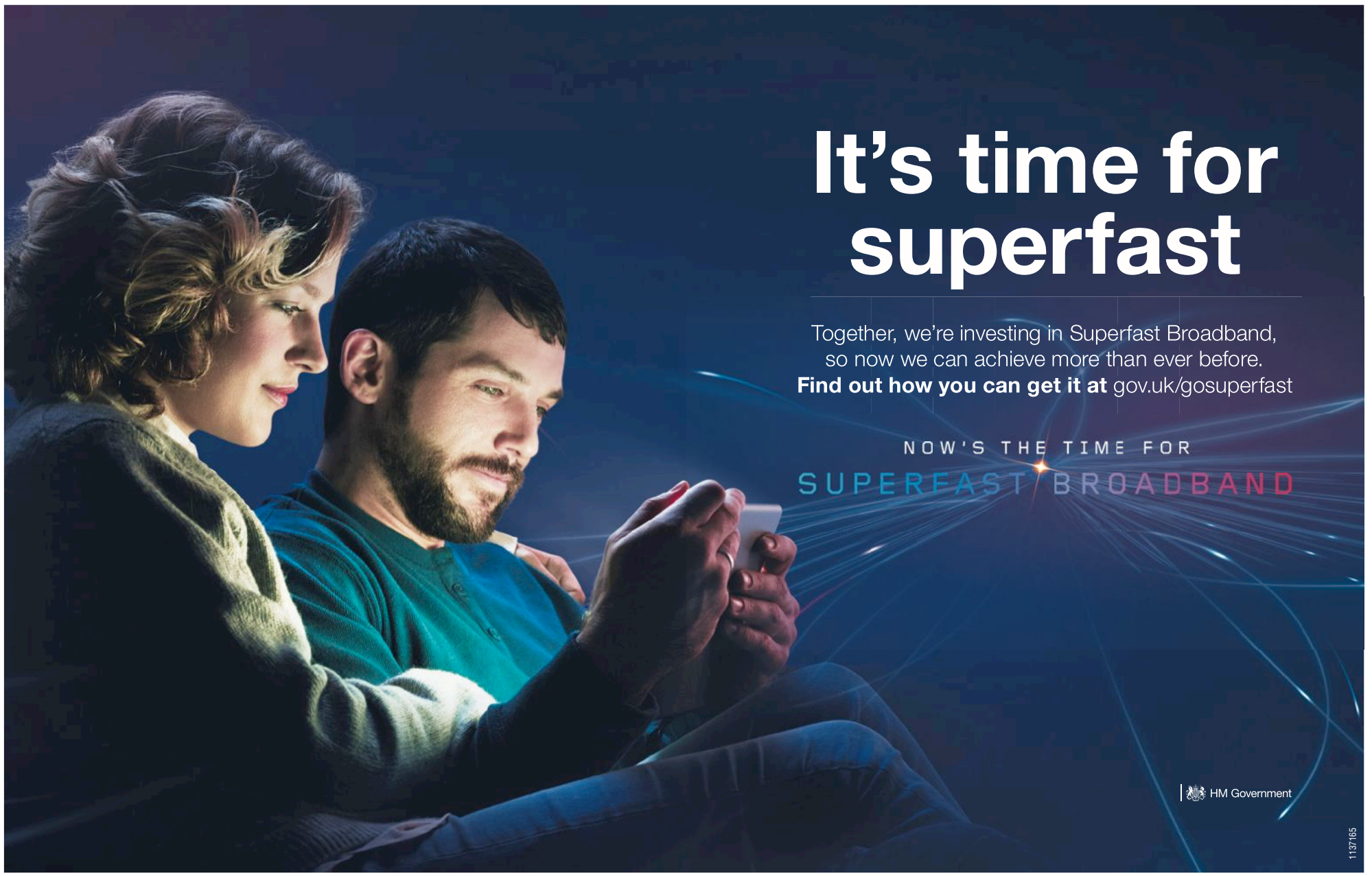
Nominations close at midnight on Friday, March 20 and can also be made by calling 01704 704714 and requesting a form.

Southport and Ormksirk Hospitals NHS Trust chief executive, Jonathan Parry said: "Our staff work for the NHS across Sefton and West Lancashire in community roles such as district nurses as well as in the many different services we provide at our hospitals in Southport and Ormskirk.

"Staff receive thousands of thank–you messages from patients and families every year but the Patients' Award is a special and very public way of paying tribute to their care and professionalism."



Last year's winner of the Patients' Award, Mark Bennett, nurse consultant in urgent care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Law firm raise five–figure sum for hospice

A TEAM of legal eagles have proved once again that where there's a will there's a way to raise money for charity!

Staff at Dickinson Parker Hill Solicitors, in Derby Street in Ormskirk raised more than £11,700 for a children's hospice by taking part in the annual Make A Will Month campaign, when clients make a donation to charity in lieu of paying a fee.

Since 2009 the firm has now raised almost £60,000 for local and national charities through the campaign, including Ormskirk Hospital's neo–natal unit, Macmillan cancer care and Help for Heroes.

This year's chosen charity was Derian House children' hospice in Chorley which provides a range of services for children with life–limiting conditions and their families, including short breaks, sibling support groups, end–of–life care and bereavement counselling.

Partner Michael Prendergast presented a cheque for £11,711 to Susie Poppitt, head fundraiser at Derian House.

Michael Prendergast presents the cheque to Derian House head fundraiser Susie Poppitt watched by colleagues Alison McCormick, Victoria Anderson, Dawn Joyce, Pauline Winrow and Helen Ellison. Code1077454

Man jailed for possession of £90,000 worth of cannabis

A 22–year–old man has been sentenced to almost three years in jail – more than a year after being found in possession of cannabis with an estimated street value of £90,000.

Adam Brady from Haskayne was stopped by officers of Police Scotland just outside Aberdeen on December 8 2013 when a search of his van uncovered a 'substantial' amount of cannabis.

He pleaded guilty to the Misuse of Drugs last month and was sentenced to two years and 11 months imprisonment at Aberdeen Sheriff Court on Thursday, February 12.

MP's surgery date

WEST Lancashire MP Rosie Cooper will hold an advice surgery on Friday, March 13 at Appley Bridge Village Hall with appointments starting from 4pm.

Sharp fall in number of voters registered in borough

Report by **Henry James**

THERE has been a sharp fall in the number of people registered to vote in West Lancashire following the introduction of individual electoral registration.

Figures show that there are now 5,404, fewer people registered to vote in the borough.

The statistics also show that hundreds of students are not registered to vote.

Skelmersdale North Councillor Neil Furey commented: "Individual electoral registration was supposed to make things easier and this Tory–led government has spent millions of pounds on this project. Yet here in West Lancashire thousands of people have been lost from the electoral register and hundreds of young people are not registered to vote.

"It's very important that people register to vote. On May 7 the country will go to the polls to elect a new government for the next five years. If people are not registered to vote by April 20 they won't be able to vote in this important General Eelection.

"I will be asking West Lancashire Borough Council to do all it can to encourage people to register and I would urge everyone to register to vote."

A borough council spokesman responded: "We are already actively encouraging voter registration, including sending letters to every home in West Lancashire with a list of who is registered to vote at that property.

"This gives details of how to register if your name is not on that list.

"The council is also working with Edge Hill University and the Students Union to encourage students to register to vote.

"We will also be sending canvassers to some areas where the number of people registered to vote is lower than we would normally expect, to encourage people living in these areas to register.

"The council also issues regular releases to the local press encouraging people to register and reminding them that if they don't they won't be able to vote in this year's parliamentary and local elections.

"While the registered voter numbers are down this is in line with other authorities, due to the introduction of individual electoral registration.

"The electorate on the 2015 Register of Electors for West Lancashire currently stands at 82,900. The electorate on the previous Register of Electors, as published on February 1 2014 was 88,304, a difference of 5,404.

"People can fill in an online registration by visiting www.gov.uk/register–to–vote or www.westlancs.gov.uk/registertovote. For more information email elections.office@westlancs.gov.uk. Those who do not have access to the internet can call the elections office on 01695 585014 to ask for a paper registration form."

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• LEFT: Pictured at the conference are County Councillor Lorraine Beavers, Lancashire's lead member for health; County Councillor Azhar Ali, cabinet member for health and wellbeing; and County Councillor Nikki Hennessy, lead member for schools, with Gill Watson from Pendle Helping Hands.

Food for thought!

County council conference tackles healthy eating issues

By **Danielle Thompson**

WAYS to afford healthy food on a low budget were tackled at a conference organised by Lancashire County Council.

Organisations including Citizens Advice Bureau, the Commission on Poverty and Food, and Sustainable Food Lancashire were invited to the Feed Lancashire event .

Delegates discussed how they can work together more closely to help people who face the daily challenges of living on low incomes, and decisions on whether to pay their utility bills, or feed themselves and their family healthily.

Among the subjects under discussion were nutrition for older people and those who are isolated, the importance of healthy school meals, the role of food banks and how to help people improve their cooking skills.

County Councillor Azhar Ali, Lancashire's cabinet member for health and wellbeing, said: "What we eat plays a major part in our overall health and wellbeing. However, because times are tight and the costs of running a home are high, people often don't have enough money to eat healthily once all the bills are paid.

"There are ways round this and we wanted to discuss what we can do here in Lancashire to make sure everyone eats nutritious food and has a well–balanced diet, particularly those in poorer parts of the county.

"There were some interesting discussions about topics such as healthy food for children and how people can eat well for less by improving their cooking skills. The vital role of food banks and how they should be used to provide advice and support on debt management, as well as provide food in emergency situations, was also discussed."

The conference follows on from food poverty summits held across the county last year and food poverty grants, which have been handed out to organisations to continue to provide their services for years to come.

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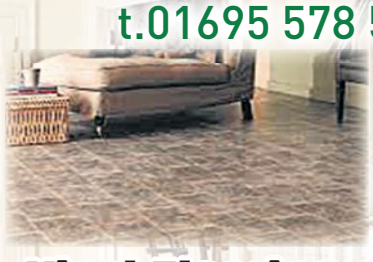

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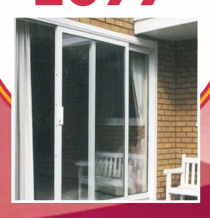

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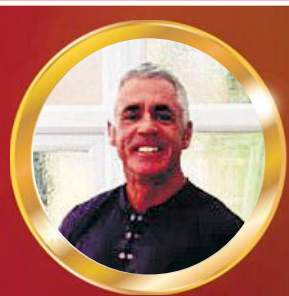

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Chance to give your views on impact of town's nightlife

Borough council commissions study by Lancaster University

By **Danielle Thompson**

RESIDENTS are being given the opportunity to give their views on the impact Ormskirk's nightlife – restaurants, bars and clubs – is having on people living, working and visiting the town centre.

West Lancs Council has commissioned an independent study by Lancaster University, the Ormskirk Night–time Economy (NTE) Survey, which the public can take part in to give their views and help inform the research.

Aimed at all members of the community, it is hoped the survey will help council staff and councillors better understand how the NTE operates and the positive and negative impact it may have.

It will be online on the council's website at www.westlancs.gov.uk/more/your–views.aspx from Thursday, February 19 to Friday, March 6 inclusive, is completely anonymous and voluntary and should take no more than 20 minutes to complete.

It is hoped residents, business owners, students and other visitors to the town will take part. Only those aged over 18 are asked to complete the survey.

Councillor David Sudworth, the council's portfolio holder for leisure, said: "Ormskirk's night–time economy is an important part of the town. Many people from the town and the surrounding area enjoy coming here for a meal or a few drinks, and the bars and restaurants provide many jobs for local people.

"However, we know that many people are worried about the impact on the town in terms of crime and anti–social behaviour. This study will provide the council with as full a picture as possible of the opportunities and challenges ahead to ensure Ormskirk remains a popular place to live, work and visit."

Researchers from Lancaster University have already spent time in Ormskirk to examine what happens on a busy weekday and weekend night. They have also interviewed key people to get their views, including residents group members, police officers, Edge Hill University staff, council staff and councillors.

The findings will be reported to a future meeting of the council's licensing and gambling committee.

MP welcomes town centre traffic orders

ROSIE Cooper has welcomed plans by Lancashire County Council aimed at reducing traffic and parking congestion issues in Ormskirk town centre.

The county council is to introduce a Prohibition of Driving (POD) and a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO).

It follows a number of complaints to the West Lancs MP by constitutents about the volume of traffic and number of parked vehicles in the town centre, in what appears to be a pedestrianised area.

After Ms Cooper wrote to the county council raising concerns over vehicles on Church Street, Aughton Street and Burscough Street and seeking action, it emerged that no POD or TRO existed for the town centre, making enforcement difficult.

She said: "Introduction of traffic regulations by the county council and prohibiting driving in the town seem like logical and sensible solutions to the current problems.

"We are currently in this very confusing situation where the town is designed and appears to be a pedestrianised area, while it is, in fact, not. The Traffic Regulation Order and Prohibition of Driving will address this confusion and enable the police to take action.

"Once the police are in a position to begin enforcing these rules, the safer and more pleasant an experience it will be to walk through our town centre and shop here."

Pub dinner raises funds for mayor's charities

Julie McCombe (3rd left) with the Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Doreen Stephenson and fellow guests at the charity dinner. Code1076778

THE landlady of a popular hostelry has served up a tasty treat for the Mayor of West Lancashire's chosen charities.

Julie McCombe, mine hoestess at the Hop Vine in Burscough, organised a charity meal at the venue in Liverpool Road North.

The event, sponsored by the pub, raised more than £200 for Councillor Doreen Stephenson's nominated charities for her year of office, Home–Start, Ormskirk Hospital Radio and the Skem Men–Aces football team for adults with a learning disability.

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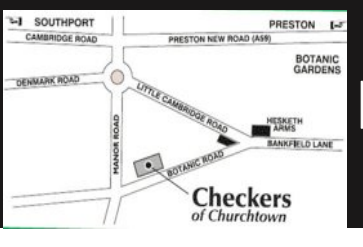

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Author took inspiration from tragic accident

Author Ruth Hunt at her Burscough home. Code1077419

Her own experiences spurred Ruth to pen novel with disabled protagonist and characters

Report by **Henry James**

A TRAGIC accident at the age of 18 left Ruth Hunt with life–changing injuries to her spinal cord and led to her having her lower leg amputated.

But it also gave the 43–year–old from Burscough a sense of urgency, an appreciation of those less fortunate than herself and, ultimately, the inspiration to write her first novel, due for publication at the end of this month.

The Single Feather tells the story of Rachel, a 31–year–old paraplegic fleeing from a troubled past who decides to reinvent herself unaware that the group she has joined includes others doing the same.

Ruth, who needs a wheelchair to travel any distances, says it is one of the very few novels for adults that has a disabled protagonist and an all disabled older cast of characters.

A keen writer as a youngster, Ruth initially had designs on a career in journalism but her life took a different course following the accident and she worked for many years as a welfare rights advisor before becoming the manager of a rehabilitation centre for adults with a disability.

This work provided her with the background information for The Single Feather which took her four years to write.

It was while taking two writing courses that the character of Rachel came to her.

She says: "I have had the experience of being both able–bodied and disabled and one of the first things I noticed after my accident was just how few disabled people I saw in public life, in films and on the TV.

"It was the same for novels – apart from books for children there were very few with disabled characters, let alone a disabled protagonist.

"So, it felt right to have a disabled main character, especially now as views among some member of the general public have changed. Where once a disabled person might provoke pity, thanks to some sections of the media, many disabled pepole now are labelled fakes or scroungers off the state."

Ruth added: "The book started with this quote from Chris Rock: 'When you meet somebody for the first time, you're not meeting them, you're meeting their representative.' This made me think about how we present different versions of ourselves to different people and situations, and was the initial inspiration for The Single Feather."

The book is being published by Pilrig Press at the end of this month and Ruth admitted it had been a long slog.

"It was a difficult process. I knew I had a unique idea but when I first submitted it, it wasn't really ready. Then I got a 'good, but...' response as they wanted me to develop some of the minor characters to give it more depth.

"So I went away did what they asked for eight months and then had a long wait before the final 'yes' came through.

"I'm delighted that it's finally going to be read but I realise this is not the end of a journey, more like just the beginning."

Ruth will be signing copies of The Single Feather at Broadhursts in Market Street, Southport on Saturday, March 28 from 1 to 4pm.

Talk to raise funds for church repairs

THE chairman of the Lathom Park Trust, Paul Kenyon will give a talk entitled 'Lady Margaret Beaufort: The Lady who changed Lathom and England' on Friday, February 20 at St James Church, Westhead.

Starting at 7.30pm, the fully–illustrated talk will tell the life story of the life of Lady Margaret, the mother of Henry Vll, who lived at Lathom House.

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Good response to coffin project

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A LOCAL health body's project to decorate a coffin with images and words from local residents has attracted some creative entries.

The NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group's (CCG) coffin community project was launched to encourage people to talk openly about death, dying and bereavement and to make plans for their end–of–life care.

Entries have been submitted from across West Lancashire, with residents using everything from poems and jokes to photographs and drawings to share their thoughts and feelings on the subject.

Mum–of–two Puala Jones, is one resident who is getting behind the project and thinking about her end of life plans in advance.

The 51–year–old is keen to plan for the future while celebrating the life she is living.

She said: "The coffin community project is a great way of expressing anything you want about death and dying. I have lots of ideas about my end of life care and funeral so it was nice to be able to share my thoughts in a public project. I've submitted something that makes me laugh and I hope it will do the same for others.

"By being open about death and dying, not being afraid to talk about it and making the plans that we want, we can make sure we're not leaving really difficult decisions to those we love. I've planned my funeral down to the smallest detail – it's my funeral so why wouldn't I have it the way I want it?"

Puala has not only written her will and selected a power of attorney, she has also chosen a trike to carry her coffin, opted for a cremation and chosen her music, and also spoken to her children about her wishes.

Dr Simon Frampton, local GP and board member of West Lancashire CCG, added: "This project is about removing the stigma surrounding death and having that initial conversation about what we want to happen. Our project is designed for everybody of all ages."

And Dr Karen Groves, palliative care lead at Southport & Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust and Queenscourt Hospice, added: "We have had some excellent submissions and it's fantastic to see so many local people realise that planning and talking about death is important for all of us and doesn't have to be as morbid as everyone thinks."

The coffin will be unveiled in Dying Matters Week in May and can be used in future by anyone in West Lancashire to promote end–of–life issues.

Puala Jones is backing the Coffin Community Project

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County council steps up search for adopters – especially those keen to give a home to siblings

Report by **Henry James**

PEOPLE wanting to start or grow a family through adoption are being reminded by Lancashire County Council that there are children ready for a home and a 'forever family'.

The county council is always looking for adopters but this February they have an added focus on finding people, especially those willing to keep families together by adopting siblings.

County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson, the county's cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "The county council has helped many people from different backgrounds to either start a family or add to their own. Our adoption team has a lot of experience in helping find parents for children who need a loving, stable and permanent home.

"We have children of all ages who need adopting. Some are looking for homes they can share with brothers or sisters, and we keep siblings together whenever we can. For children who aren't able to be brought up by their own parents, their brothers and sisters are their anchor in life and the relationship is even more special.

"However, we fully realise that adopting siblings might not be for everyone and we still need adopters to come forward to look after children of all ages.

Streamlined

"We've also streamlined the process as much as we can by making changes to the adoption process, which should help speed things up both for children and adoptive parents. Potential adopters can now expect to be approved within six months of applying, if they meet the criteria."

Among the 22 children currently waiting to be matched with prospective adopters, 12 are sibling groups of two.

Consideration is given to anyone who wishes to adopt, regardless of their age, marital status, sexuality or gender.

There are no strict rules about age, whether people have jobs, own their home or have their own children. The only legal requirements are that adopters must be over 21 and live within Lancashire or nearby.

Anyone interested in finding out more about adoption can find out more by attending an information evening, calling the friendly team on 0800 195 1183 or visiting www.lancashire.gov.uk/adoption.

Fun runners set to 'Leg it' for charity

Organisers hoping to hit £8,000–plus target for National Autistic Society

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

ORGANISERS of a popular charity fun run are urging would–be entrants to get their entries in early as they seek to raise a record amount for the fourth year in succesion.

The Jacob's Leg It event, formerly the Belle Vue House 10K, will be held on Sunday, March 22 and although there is provision for runners to sign up on the day, it is hoped that most will enter online in advance.

Starting at 10.30am, the run is a one–lap route starting and ending at Edge Hill University. It is sponsored by the O2 store in Ormskirk and the target is to raise more than £8,000 for the National Autistic Society.

There is also a 1,500–metre children's race starting at 9.30am, when seven to 16 year–olds can compete in a sponsored run on the race track ahead of the main event.

The event was launched in 2011 when it raised £2,320. This was followed by £4,069 in 2012, £6,016 in 2013 and £7,771 last year.

Emma Day, one of the event organisers, said: "We are expecting that, like last year, we will fill all of the places. It's amazing that the run has raised so much for such a worthwhile cause each year and we are hoping to raise even more this year and beat our target of £8,000.

"The name of the event was changed in honour of the 02 Ormskirk director Nick Mussell's son, Jacob. Children who have autism can feel awkward and may want to run away or 'leg it' so the run is a play on this that ties in with the race.

"There will be places for people to come along and sign up on the day of the race, but it would be easier and quicker for people to sign up ahead of the race online."

Nick Mussell said: "My son Jacob has autism, which is a hidden disability. It's a developmental disability that makes social interaction and communication difficult. It has many symptoms the major ones are restricted and repetitive behaviour, difficulty in communication with the outside world and withdrawal into one's own world.

"The tendency of individuals with autism to wander or 'leg it' puts them at risk of injury or even death. More than a third of children who leg it are rarely able to communicate their name, address or phone number verbally or by writing/typing.

"Autism is a serious, lifelong and disabling condition. Without the right support, it can have a profound – sometimes devastating – effect on individuals and families."

To sign up for the race, visit www.jacobslegit.org.uk

It costs £9 for club runners and £11 for non–club runners if signing up in advance or £2 extra for entry on the day.

Homes plan submitted

PLANS have been submitted to build 14 new homes and 12 apartments on land next to Greaves Hall Avenue in Banks. Applicants, WS Lamm and Co Investments and Seddon RDP, applied to create the housing development on land next to The Close on The Avenue.

West Lancs Council is expected to make a decision on the application by April.

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They're unfit for purpose

REPLACE the Pacers!

That's the cry from fed–up commuters who have to travel day in, day out, on the much–maligned trains on the Southport to Manchester and Ormskirk to Preston lines.

With opposition to the Pacers gathering steam by the week and with Champion readers writing to us in utter dismay at having to step aboard them, the Champion this week adds its own voice to calls to get rid of them once and for all.

Enough is enough!

Just two weeks ago, Champ reader Susan Jargo contacted us in absolute despair at having to travel on what she described as 'these disgusting trains.' Susan sent us a number of pictures which highlighted the sorry state of the Pacer trains she travels on from Southport to Wigan with ripped and broken seats, filthy interiors, leaking floors and draughty windows. Not to mention the bone–shaking experience of actually riding on them! And all this for £2k a year... the amount Susan has to pay for the privilege of her daily commute.

We back calls for 'boneshakers' to go

She is just one of a growing number of passengers who are calling for better trains not just on the Southport to Manchester line but also the Ormskirk to Preston line.

Ironically, in a bid to replace the hated Pacers, rail chiefs are now considering an alternative... converted former London Underground trains!

Hardly the spanking new trains and electrification of the lines we have long been promised.

Unreliable

Vivarail Ltd have announced that they are converting former D78 rolling stock into D–trains, with the body shells turned into light–weight diesel–electric passenger trains which would be ready for use by the end of this year.

Invitations to run the Northern franchises are going through their renewal process and it is expected that bidders for these, which include the Northern Rail franchise, would put forward plans to replace the Pacers with the converted stock.

But there is concern that the new trains could be used alongside the Pacers on routes including the Southport to Manchester and the Ormskirk to Preston line.

Alan Fantom, Chairman of the Ormskirk, Preston and Southport Travellers' Association backed the Champion's campaign to cull the Pacers. He said: "The pacers have to go, they are unfit for purpose for passengers and staff, they are unsafe, old, and unreliable.

"Ideally we would be getting brand new trains on the Northern lines, but the converted London Underground stock would be much better, more reliable, comfortable and faster.

"As they have been continually updated on the Underground line and will be completely refitted, they would be a viable option until the electrification of the Southport–Manchester line, when they should be replaced.

"The only problem would be that we believe that there are only around 60–70 trains being converted and these would be to replace more than 90 pacers.

"Although the converted Underground stock would go a long way, there is ambiguity that some of the pacers would remain in use and we would like to ensure this is not a possibility."

Members of the rail union RMT held a day of action at seven stations in the North West, including Wigan Wallgate, last Friday, February 13, against the plans to use converted Underground stock alongside Pacers.

RMT General Secretary Mick Cash said: "The Government's whole franchise timetable for the Northern and TPE routes has descended into chaos. We now know that the pledges to replace the clapped out Pacer's has been exposed as nothing but hot air.

"The union is sending out the clearest possible signal to cut the hot air about improving services when they are actually condemning the North to years of rail misery."

A spokesman for Vivarail said: "Track electrification remains the stated long–term plan for the Northern routes but with no date assigned can passengers in the North be expected to remain forever in limbo?"

• Have you had enough of Pacer trains? Write to the Champion with your views.

Prince's Trust team set to tackle care home garden renovation

SIX members of the Ormskirk Prince's Trust team are aiming to renovate a care home's garden for elderly residents with dementia.

The team will complete their community project at Abbey Wood Lodge Care Home for the elderly with dementia in Couty Road.

Team leader, Jonathon Marlow, said: "The team – Sean, Stewart, Lewis, Lauren, Amy and Megan – want to create a nice area outside where the residents can go to relax and to spend time with their families.

"We are aiming to complete the project by Friday, February 27."

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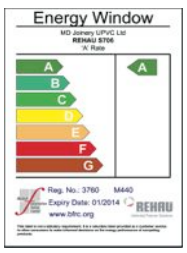

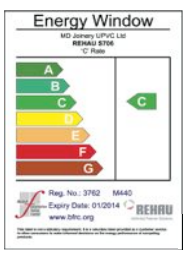

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Grand gesture is boost for project to restore barges

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A PROJECT to restore two former corn barges has been given a boost, thanks to a generous bequest by a local historian.

Dr Mona Duggan, a former teacher, lecturer, local historian and author who lived on the banks of the Leeds–Liverpool canal at Haskayne passed away in January 2014. In her will she left a £1,000 donation to the H and R Ainscough Barge Restoration Project based in Burscough.

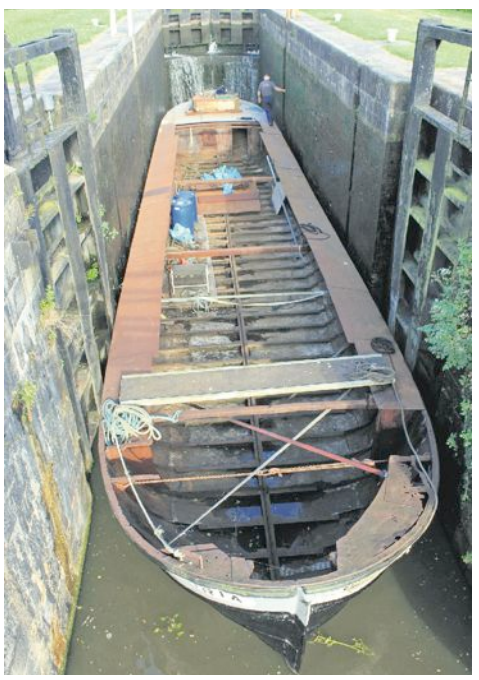
The project aims to restore two 1930s boats, the Viktoria and the Ambush, which were used to transport corn from Liverpool to Parbold and Burscough down the canal.

Colin Wareing, from the H and R Ainscough Barge Restoration Project, said: "The chairman of the project, Derek Bent, sends grateful thanks to Dr Duggan's son and daughter, Ross and Janet, who have administered the estate.

"We have ambitions to restore the two former Ainscoughs corn–carrying barges for future generations to enjoy and keep alive the sights and sounds of the largest craft that ply the inland canals of the country.

"The boats were built in the 1930s to carry imported American grain from the docks in Liverpool along the Leeds–Liverpool canal to Ainscough's mills in Parbold and Burscough.

The Ambush has an engine but the Viktoria is a 'dumb barge' – a flat–bottomed boat used for transporting freight including steel, grain or gravel but which has no motor so has to be pulled by another craft such as a tug boat.



The Viktoria one of the barges earmarked for restoration.

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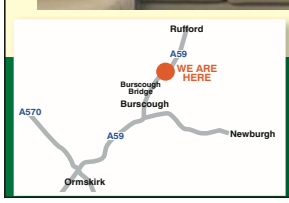

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Time to learn from 'catastrophic' history of fracking in the USA

STEPHEN Bennett's reassuring letter about the effects of fracking on house prices and the environment (Letters, February 11) is misleading and ignores facts and scientific evidence.

1. According to the Guardian, 'the government has delayed and censored' a report into the effects of fracking on house prices. It seems clear the findings are not welcome to our pro–fracking government.

Much as I'd love to think the Greens had as much power as Mr Bennett believes in whipping up baseless 'fear', I think it's unlikely. I do know that the USA has many 'fracking refugees' who have moved to escape problems of contaminated water, illness in their families, and dead and sickened livestock – and even more people who are unable to move.

2. Mr Bennett says contamination of drinking water 'should not' happen. But it does, time and time again, leading to fracking companies supplying bottled water to affected households. Unfortunately they can't supply bathing water or water for livestock.

Researchers at Duke University think the contamination is due to faulty casings around wells. The cement used in fracking wells cracks due to pressure and time.

3. Mr Bennett thinks old fracking sites can be reclaimed as farmland. But clearly this cannot happen if the land is contaminated. The fracking fluids that are injected into the earth during fracking contain toxic chemicals and even radioactive substances.

New York State has banned fracking for health reasons and Germany has banned it except under stringent conditions.

It's time the Westminster government and Mr Bennett learned something from the catastrophic history of fracking in the USA.

Claire Robinson, Skelmersdale

We need to consider the greater good in debate over future of fuel

DAVE Corfield (Letters, February 4) is absolutely right in being concerned at the possibility of contaminated drinking water; the effect fracking may have on food production and what could happen if and when gas or oil extraction ends; what would the demand on land be; and the danger of earthquakes.

And, yes, we should ask our politicians about these issues.

Perhaps we should also ask what happens when other countries, not always friendly, refuse to supply us with their fuel, to keep our industry going and our houses warm.

Should we revert to deep–mine coal production or expand our nuclear power plants? Will wind farms ever supply all our needs? Common sense tells us no.

We need answers to all these questions and is not regulated test drilling an essential way of getting some facts for our future prosperity and safety, or is the possible loss in house values more important?

New industry, after all, requires skilled workers who will all be looking for places to live.

My house lost value when a new five–storey hospital was built at the very bottom of my garden but then, we all need hospitals so we consider the greater good, don't we!

Ed Dickinson, Ormskirk

No fracking fears

WITH reference to Mr Corfield's comments regarding fracking (Letters, February 4) he says that the site will only be in use for three years. I can't see a company spending millions of pounds preparing the site which will only last three years.

As for the earthquakes on the Fylde coast site, the figure mentioned at the time was 2.4 on the richter scale, at the same time a tremor in North Wales – where fracking wasn't taking place – measured 3.2.

The expert who made the original statement admitted later that it wasn't caused by fracking, apparently these tremors are a natural occurrence.

I had no idea that a person had any control over what happens one–and–a–half miles under their property. As a point of interest, what happened when the coal mines were being dug in the many parts of Lancashire, or the salt mines in Cheshire?

Did people have any say in the matter? I wonder how many houses have been built over these mines?

With the reassurances that the government has promised regarding the conditions the area will be left in when the drilling has finished and the promise from Quadrilla I feel we can rest in peace.

Harry Gard, Ormskirk

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A brisk winter's walk

The fields around Aughton form a stark mid–winter landscape through which to take a brisk walk.

Picture by Martyn Snape.

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Concern that cinema complex could end up being a white elephant

AS a resident of Skelmersale for more than 40 years, I am concerned that a multi–screen cinema complex is going to be central to the regeneration of the town's night–time economy.

In 2014 a national survey called 'The Unequal Box Office' found that in the UK poorer people are less well served by the cinema industry. It found that 28% of those surveyed earning approx £55,000 per year on average visited the cinema once a month compared to 18% on the lowest incomes visiting approximately twice a year. The cost of cinema tickets (regardless of the location) and the rise in home entertainment were significant factors in the decline in visits to the cinema.

Since Skelmersdale has some of the poorest wards in West Lancs with JSA claimants being above the county's average and household incomes being well below national average, I can't help feeling that a cinema complex will have little patronage and could end up being a white elephant with taxpayers footing the bill.

In the past Skelmersdale has suffered the consequences of ill thought–out policies resulting in high unemployment, a stubbornly low–waged economy and no decent transport (few buses and no railway connection).

I hope that adequate research has been carried out before the green light is given to the regeneration of a night–time economy in Skelmersdale as flawed research always results in poor policies.

Patricia Walsh, Skelmersdale

• I'VE just read Henry James' article (February 11) on plans for Skem's facelift.

Another cinema? No, let's have a bowling alley instead. That would bring in people from surrounding areas and surely generate more money and jobs.

Keith Mason, Little Digmoor

Recycling bags keep going awol

I SAW a letter recently from a resident of Skelmersdale whose blue bags had gone 'awol' during recycling day. He is not alone!

The collection guys here in Burscough also don't seem capable of hooking the blue bag on to the blue/green bin it is put out with for recycling, hence its return to the property owner.

I have had several sent out to me in the past (free of charge) due to these constantly going missing. Even writing the house number and street name on the bag in waterproof ink does not seem to help them either.

If they now think they are charging me for bags every five minutes they can think again!

The papers/magazines etc. will simply go out with the cardboard on the front lawn. If it gets wet, tough. If it's left behind it will go in the grey bin – simple!

The council cannot say us residents don't try.

Tracey Turner, Burscough

Travel anomaly is crazy and unfair

I READ with interest about Rosie Cooper's support for concessionary travel for OAPs. As I approach the spritely age of 60 it has appalled and frustrated me to learn that we in West Lancashire appear to be the 'Cinderella State' where travel concessions are concerned!

How can it be fair for those who reach 60 in Merseyside to automatically receive a free travel card for bus, rail and ferry across Merseyside, yet in Lancashire, you have to wait until you are pensionable age (67) before you can apply for a concessionary travel card – yes, it's not even free!

Even more galling, our Merseyside friends can nip on a train from Liverpool to Ormskirk for free, yet we can't do likewise travelling from here to Liverpool. This is an utterly unfair and crazy anomaly!

More power to Ms Cooper's elbow in eradicating this infuriating anomaly and hopefully bringing the same benefits to all, regardless of where they live.

Steve Kyriacou, by email

Still paying our way

RE: The letter from Hazel Anderton (February 4) asking why should council taxpayers subsidise free rail travel for OAPs.

I am 70 years old and currently working part–time and pay full council tax for my property. My husband and I have worked all our lives, paying tax and still pay tax on our pensions and income.

The assumption that pensioners will get this free is incorrect as we still pay full council tax, so if bills go up so will ours.

Hazel Anderton will be an OAP one day, will her views change?

R. Muirhead, Skelmersdale

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Report reveals need to raise awareness of NHS 111 service

RESEARCH has revealed that many people in Lancashire are unaware of the NHS 111 service.

Healthwatch Lancashire has published a report based on the findings which show that 20% of people in the county are not aware of the service, introduced to make it easier for callers to access healthcare services in England when they need medical help fast but it's not a 999 emergency.

NHS 111 is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and calls are free from landlines and mobile phones.

Throughout January, when winter pressures were having a dramatic impact on healthcare services, Healthwatch Lancashire conducted a study to learn how aware residents were of the NHS 111 service and how helpful those who had used it had found it.

The report has been shared with North West Ambulance Service NHS Trust, who deliver the NHS 111 service in Lancashire, and copies have also been provided to those who commission the service.

Gill Brown, Healthwatch Lancashire chief executive, said: "The results of our NHS 111 research has identified that there is a need for more awareness of the service."

Ian Moses, head of 111 operations at North West Ambulance Service NHS Trust, said: "We would like to thank Healthwatch Lancashire for carrying out this survey. As a service we welcome feedback from users, the community and healthcare professionals."

The study was carried out in a variety of locations including hospitals, GP surgeries, pharmacies, community groups, schools and colleges.

Police bid to trace man in connection with burglaries

POLICE have issued an appeal for information about the whereabouts of a man they wish to trace in connection with a series of burglaries across Lancashire and Cheshire.

Officers from Lancashire Constabulary want to speak to 44–year–old Mark Fitton from Oldham about offences committed between October 2013 and February 2014.

Fitton is decribed as white, 5ft 7in tall and of stocky build with short blonde/light–brown hair. He has tattoos of a flower and the name 'Lewis' on his right arm and two dice tattooed on his left arm.

Constable Vicki Jones said: "We are appealing to anyone who has any information about Mark Fitton or knows of his whereabouts to get in touch with us."

Anybody with information can contact Lancashire Police on 101. Alternatively, they can contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or online at Crimestoppers–uk.org.

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Many small business owners are now looking to the government for a range of guidance to help them build and grow their business. An example is Andrew Ramroop, the owner of Maurice Sedwell tailors, based on Savile Row. Andrew explains how expert advice from the government has helped his bespoke tailors to be successful:

"After arriving in UK in 1970 from Trinidad, I had the burning ambition to become a Savile Row tailor and worked hard to fulfil that dream. My recommendation for business owners looking to take their organisation to next stage would be to use the Business is GREAT website for the wealth of advice that is on offer. Our UKTI support was a significant turning point and helped me grow my export. Thanks to them, we have made suits for customers in around 58 countries, seventy per cent of our overall sales are from outside the EU, and approximately half of the orders are placed during overseas visits to customers."

Government support extends beyond advice, to the likes of financial incentives and tax relief too. The well known children's luggage company, Trunki, accessed tax relief support, helping them to take huge strides forward as a business.

Rob Law, founder of Trunki, explains more: "Alongside moving our manufacturing to Plymouth, allowing us to benefit from The Patent Box scheme, we also received government support through R&D tax credits for the development of our BoostAPak children's car seat and for the re-engineered version of our Trunki suitcases, which is now easier to manufacture in the UK and to recycle".

In addition to the growing range of financial sources - such as crowd funding and peer-to-peer lending - there are many government schemes and incentives developed to help companies of all sizes secure funding. As with Trunki, if your business meets the criteria, it may also qualify for help with business rates or tax relief for research and development, so it's worth doing the homework to see what could benefit your business.

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MP backs children's charity campaign

'Investing in Early Years services is vital'

Rosie Cooper is supporting 4Children's campaign

By **Henry James**

ROSIE Cooper has backed a charity's campaign to 'make children a priority' this year.

The campaign has been launched under the banner 'Choose to Make Britain Great for Children and Families' by the 4 Children organisation to mark its 30th anniversary.

The charity aims to bring positive change for children and families across Britain, through improving family support and providing better childcare.

Investing in early years is also key to the campaign for more support to help children develop and learn and for safe places to play and make friends, from after–school and holiday clubs to Scouts, Brownies and Guides.

The West Lancs MP said: "I am delighted to support the campaign by 4Children to ensure we are looking after all groups in our society, including our children.

"Investing in those working in Early Years services is vital to ensure our children are provided with support they need to live and enjoy a great childhood.

"Transforming the lives of vulnerable families is another important direction of this manifesto, with an estimated half a million families in Britain being highly vulnerable with complex and multiple needs."

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THE Stocks Hall Nursing & Care Group, which has homes across West Lancashire, collected two awards at Central Lancashire's Got Talent Provider Awards 2015.

Run by Lancashire County Council, the event is a showcase of the county's care services across a range of categories and recognises groups and social care providers who have achieved success throughout the services they provide.

Award categories included innovation, partnership, wellbeing and prevention, people and workforce, community, technology and personalisation.

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I've been laid low, literally breathless

THIS is one 'Dog' column that really should have written itself – I've been sitting around doing very little for the best part of a week now.

Not of course strictly true – I have made the occasional foray into the outback and made use of the telephone to keep the news trickling in.

But I haven't put in the minimum of six miles a day I usually walk – because I have been laid low with what might well be flu, or could just be a bog–standard cold which has migrated on to my chest and makes any form of exertion very difficult indeed.

At least this time I can contemplate the flu or not without feeling guilty – yes, again I didn't bother with my flu jab, but since it apparently proved effective in roughly one in every 33 recipients I really don't think I missed much.

But my lack of inspiration remains severe.

Actually though, it brought home to me the problems experienced by members of the community when they feel as totally rotten as I do now.

For a start, there must be bags of other pensioners such as I who live alone with a dog or two and have no near relatives upon which to call for help.

When I was feeling at my grottiest (it was about 3am on Monday morning) I really did become worried that I might, just possibly, die. I could hardly breathe and nothing I could do made the slightest difference.

But what COULD I do?

I did think of NHS Direct or whatever it calls itself these days. I couldn't even find their telephone number! But if I had, what then?

If their help boiled down to 'keep warm, drink plenty of fluids', I was already trying that.

If they had advised an ambulance what possible use could I have made of one?

I could not just abandon two collie dogs to their fate and hope someone could explain to them what had occurred.

And if they had said 'contact your GP' what possible use would that have been?

I needed help at that moment, not later that day.

And the thought struck me an hour or two later when I was feeling a little better that much the same could apply to a single mum with a couple of toddlers, no close relatives and no one they could rely on to look after the little ones indefinitely.

Anyway, I really do hope I'm significantly improved tomorrow.

Alhough both Tina and Cinders have been remarkably good about restricted exercise in their own bailiwick, I think even Tina would draw the line at a total lack a food which will result if I don't replenish dwindling stocks within the next day or two.

I have promised myself too, that if significant improvements don't happen soon I will get myself down to my local pharmacy, throw myself onto their mercy and see if they can yet again come up trumps and produce just the cure for what I sincerely hope is an easily treatable condition.

Of course, I might be feeling lots better by then and do nothing – as is my wont.

In which case I'll have learned nothing and possibly repeat the ghastly episode again.

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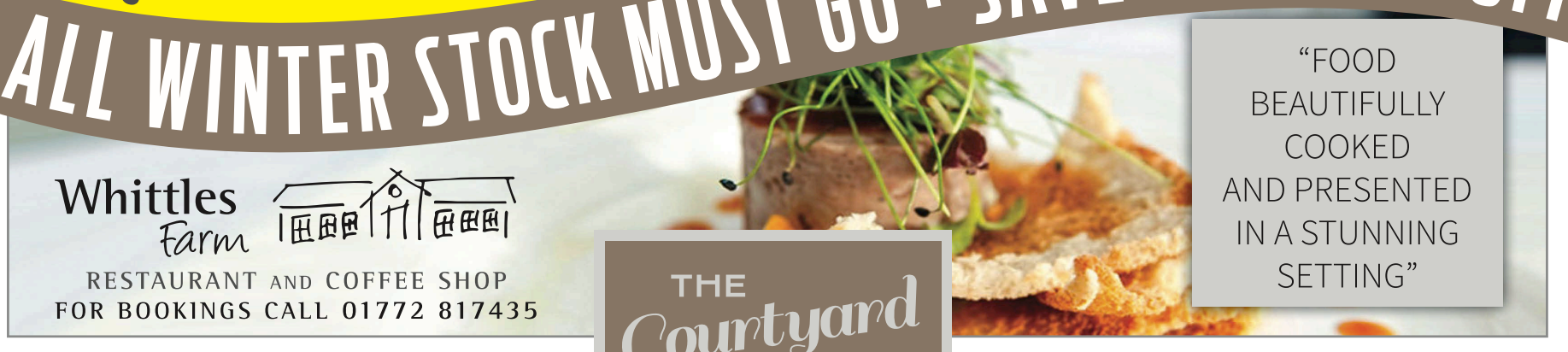
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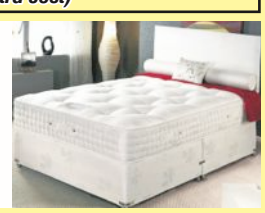

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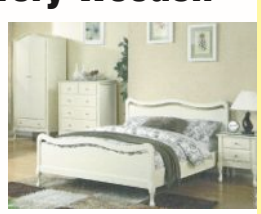

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Report by **Henry James**

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The event is being held on Wednesday, March 4 starting at 7pm at the force headquarters in Hutton, near Preston where attendees will be given an insight into the role of a special constable ahead of the next recruitment window opening.

Special Constabulary chief officer, Paul Airlie, said: "Special constables are people who often do a day job but who volunteer to put something extra back into their local community. Those attending the event will be given an insight into the rewarding role of special police officer and taken through the recruitment and training processes. We will have experienced special constables on hand to give those interested an insight into what it is like to be a special constable in Lancashire.

"Our special constables are a valuable resource and work alongside immediate response teams, neighbourhood policing teams, and also specialist areas in some of the most challenging areas of police work.

"We already attract highly–committed and enthusiastic people who want to work hard alongside the regular force. They tell us that being a special constable gives them valuable and rewarding experience in a wide variety of skills and experience."

Lancashire currently has about 400 special constables who over the past year have contributed more than 124,000 hours of policing.

Special Constabulary chief officer Paul Airlie

The county's police and crime commissioner, Clive Grunshaw, added: "I am very proud of the passion and dedication of our Special Constabulary and the unique skills they bring to the role. They play an important role in supporting our regular officers, providing the increased visibility the public want while giving something back to their community."

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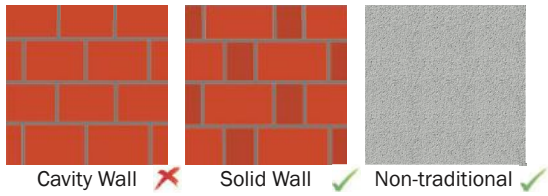

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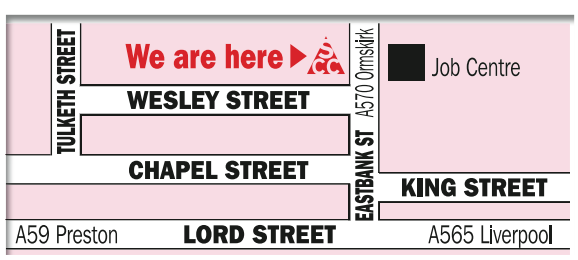

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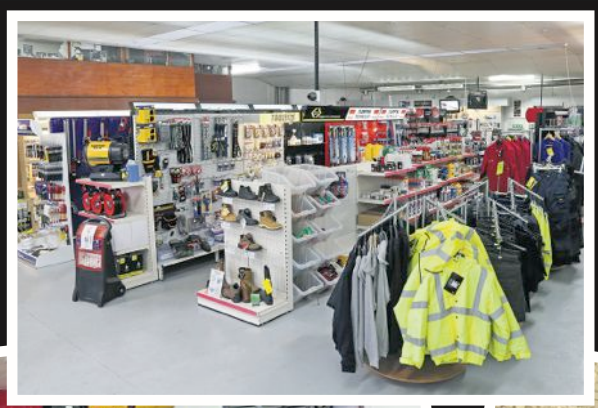

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It was 45 years ago back in 1970, that Allen Johnson opened up his new family business in a small farm yard in Bretherton. Little did he realise that as he took collection of his very first Ford pick-up, a success story was to follow that would mean expansion, relocation and a reputation not just locally, but regionally.

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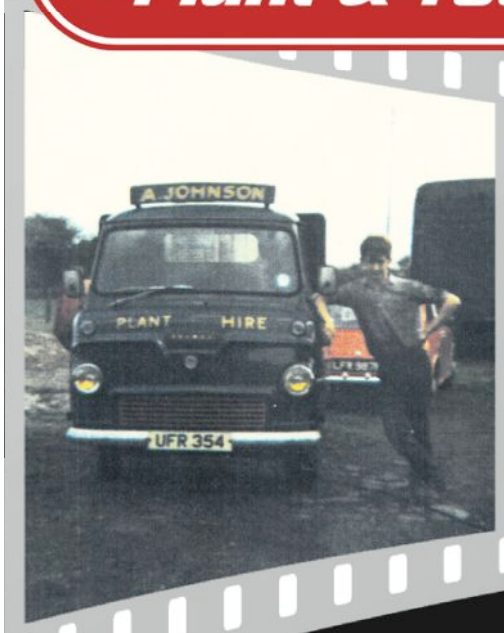

"Customer relations is very important to us here" - Allen Johnson

In 2015, Johnson's workforce is a solid team with some of the present staff having worked for the company for up to 38 years. Allen has the perfect support of his Sales/Hire Manager, Chris Baines, his Workshop Foreman, Paul Davies and his daughter Lyndsay Howard as the Hire Desk Controller. "Without the support from these key people and the second to none service the rest of the team provides, we wouldn't be able to operate to such an efficient level," said Allen.

"I've always been hands on throughout the years, but I'm inevitably starting to sit back and let others shine a bit now. I fully trust my teams to make their own decisions. However I'm always accessible should someone need to speak to the owner." Allen continued, "Customer relations is very important to us here, and although it's very rare anyone needs me, I'm always available and happy to speak with them."

With the introduction of an additional site in Blackburn in 1996, Johnson Plant & Tool Hire took their already found local success and developed their reputation regionally.

Having contended with three recessions and making some very difficult decisions along the way, Allen has always had the full support of his loving wife Sandra who has stood beside him through thick and thin.

"I've always sounded her out when making business decisions. She just says if I believe it's right then go for it." He then added, "She doesn't always say if she disagrees, but I can tell. I just tread carefully!"

The full support of a good family has proved to be one of the main ingredients in the ongoing success story at Johnsons, and when Allen made a further purchase 10 years ago of the well known tool company, Alfred Derbyshires in Southport, his two sons Andrew and Russell took to the helm as the sales management team.

Although for the past ten years the shop has continued to trade under the Derbyshires name, the company has now rebranded the Southport shop to Johnson Tool Centre.

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With the integration of Derbyshires and Johnson Tool Centre, it also means that if our customers need to hire any 'plant' machinery, this can now be arranged through one account at Southport for delivery from Tarleton. This naturally means that we can deal with any short notice requirements and respond to customers needs efficiently."

Not only has the shop undergone it's rebranding with new exterior signage but the interior also boasts a specialist Woodworking Department with a full range of woodworking and carving tools from names such as Kunz and Naniwa.

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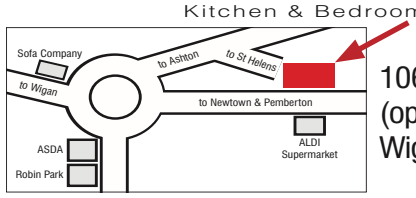

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Residents invited to put forward a favourite building for design award

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Nominations are being sought for the 2015 West Lancashire Design Awards, which aim to acknowledge and promote the importance of good quality development and building design.

The scheme aims to show how well–designed buildings can greatly improve the local environment and contribute to a sense of place.

Judging will be in five categories – new residential developments; the conversion of existing buildings; commercial developments; sustainable building design; and landscaping proposals.

Awards will be given for designs which contribute to the overall quality of the borough and will focus on community, economic and environmental regeneration and the use of sustainable building techniques. Designs must have been completed after June 2013 to be eligible for entry.

Councillor Martin Forshaw, West Lancs Council's portfolio holder for planning, said: "The council is committed to encouraging good design throughout the borough and the awards are a great way to celebrate distinctive, high–quality development here in West Lancashire.

"The award scheme, which has been running since 1989, highlights the council's wish to work in partnership with architects, developers, owners and other agencies involved in planning to improve our built environment and the quality of life for all the residents of West Lancashire."

Edge Hill University won the Design Award last year

Nomination forms are available from local libraries, the customer service points in Derby Street, Ormskirk, and The Concourse, Skelmersdale, or by emailing ian.bond@westlancs.gov.uk or calling 01695 585167. Alternatively, you can nominate online or download the forms by visiting the council's website.

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Charity for the elderly seeks new volunteers

A CHARITY which aims to enable older people to remain independent and to support their carers is seeking volunteers.

Age UK is holding a drop–in recruitment day for potential care volunteers today (Wednesday, February 18) from 10am to 2pm at the West Lancashire Wellbeing Centre on Moorgate, Ormskirk.

The Lancashire–based organisation offers services to help frailer older people or those who feel lonely or isolated, while social groups, luncheon clubs, exercise classes, computer lessons and Home Help services are provided for older people remaining independent and involved in the local community.

Dave Ward from Age UK said: "We are looking for volunteers who are interested in becoming part of our team in the Ormskirk wellbeing centre and being the first point of contact for current and potential service users and their carers.

"The position requires someone to assist in answering the telephone or speaking with people who come in to the office and help refer them to the relevant service/s they require.

"Full training and support will be provided by our friendly team and the days and times of the role are flexible.

"On the day we will provide information about the role, along with some details about our organisation and the services we provide. There is also the opportunity to watch a short film about the work we do across Lancashire and meet some of the members of our West Lancs team.

"Refreshments and a warm welcome will also be provided."

Artists and performers invited to culture event

ANYONE involved in the visual or performing arts is invited to a Culture Cafe and Swap Shop being held at the Chapel Gallery.

Creative individuals and groups from across West Lancashire are invited to the Artists' Network event on Tuesday, 24 February, starting at 7pm.

The evening will appeal to musicians, actors, dancers, writers, multimedia artists, photographers, illustrators, arts organisations and others involved in the arts.

There will be a presentation by Heather Fox from Lancashire County Council's arts development service about possible funding streams and other useful information for visual and performing artists.

Staff at the West Lancs Council–run gallery in St Helens Road, Ormskirk, will be discussing projects and exhibition opportunities. And the Culture Cafe and Swap Shop is also a great chance to look at what venues, equipment and help with promoting events is available to artists across Lancashire.

Councillor David Sudworth, West Lancs Council's portfolio holder for leisure, said: "This is a great event for people involved in the visual and performing arts so make sure you come along as you will meet like–minded people and find out some very useful information."

To book a place email chapel.gallery@westlancs.gov.uk or call 01695 571328.

Party time at civic hall

THE Aughton and Ormskirk University of the Third Age's musical theatre group will present A Swell Party, directed by Gill O'Flaherty, at Ormskirk Civic Hall on Southport Road.

The show will run from Thursday to Saturday, March 19–21 with curtain up at 7.30pm.

Tickets, priced £7.50 for adults and £3.50 for under–16s, include free tea or coffee and biscuits.

Isabel hits gold on reading trail

ISABEL Wareing is the latest local youngster to complete the Lancashire Reading Trail.

The eight–year–old read 50 books at Burscough library and completed reviews on all of them to earn a gold certificate and a free book, 'Seal Surfer' by Michael Foreman.

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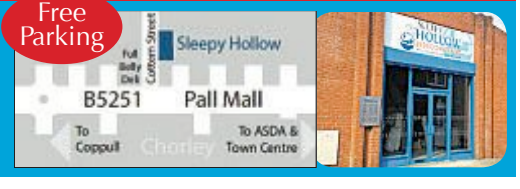

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Pupils get a taste for science!

PRIMARY school pupils really took the biscuit – literally – when they combined their science lessons with some creative cookery.

Stephen Smith, headteacher at Tarleton Holy Trinity CE Primary School, said: "The children are embracing the government's new curriculum by really getting hands–on. This term in science, Year 6 children are focusing on materials and their properties and looking at which changes are reversible and which are irreversible and what better way to investigate this than in the kitchen?

Some of the pupils tuck into the finished biscuits

"The children worked with the school's cook, Janet, to mix ingredients to make biscuits, melt butter and chocolate and cook with eggs and tried to work out which changes were reversible.

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Countdown begins to county's school games

By **Henry James**

THE countdown to the largest youth sporting event in the county, the Spar Lancashire School Games, has officially begun after it was launched at Dalton St Michael's CE Primary School.

The games, now in its ninth year, is part of the national £128m school games programme.

It is organised by Lancashire Sport Partnership and implemented by the county's school games organisers.

The school games mascot, the Lancashire Lion, helped launch the event which saw pupils from the school prepare for months of competition by taking part in athletics circuits including sprinting, long–jump and throwing.

The Spar Lancashire School Games comprises two county final events aimed at giving every child the opportunity to participate in competitive sport. They are the Disability Swimming Gala which takes place in March and the Summer Games Festival which will be held at Stanley Park, Blackpool on June 30.

Schools from across the county will now battle it out for a place at the Spar Lancashire School Games county finals to be crowned Lancashire champions in sports including gymnastics, handball, football, netball, rounders, athletics, tennis and tag rugby.

Pupils from Dalton at the launch of Lancashire School Games **Code NA**

Adrian Leather, chief executive at Lancashire Sport Partnership, said: "Lancashire Sport Partnership is extremely pleased to see the continued commitment of our sponsoring partner Spar.

"The firm's support since 2006 has enabled more than 16,000 young people to have fun in sport, helping achieve our goal of getting people active, keeping people moving and improving people's lives."

Chris Hart, school games organiser for West Lancashire, who helped to arrange the event, said: "Youngsters across West Lancashire are already training hard to compete in the qualifiers which will determine who will make it through to the county finals.

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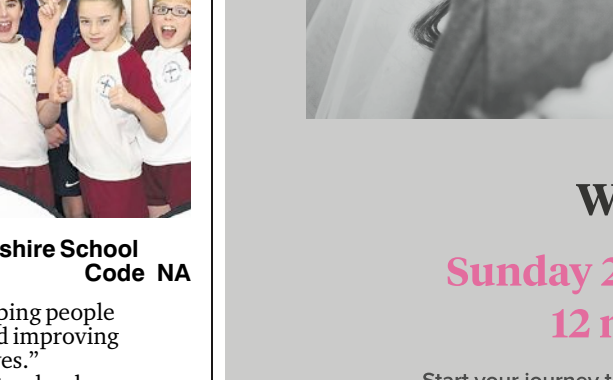

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Eleanor has her say on older people's services

97–year–old gives Ageing Well Forum the benefit of her experience

By **Danielle Thompson**

AT 97 Eleanor Fillingham reckons she knows a thing or two about about what older residents in the community need and when she heard about a meeting to discuss improving services in the borough she was keen to have her say.

Eleanor, a resident at the Hillcroft care and dementia home in Long Lane, Aughton, was invited to speak at the West Lancashire Ageing Well Forum meeting held at West Lancs Borough Council offices.

The forum is made up of representatives from West Lancs Council for Voluntary Service, which supports and develops voluntary and community groups in the borough, Help Direct, a support and information service for adults in Lancashire, West Lancs Council and Lancashire County Council.

Lesley Malone, events organiser at Hillcroft who accompanied Eleanor to the meeting, said: "Eleanor heard about the forum and asked if she could go along to to speak at one of their meetings held every six weeks. She was invited to attended and give her views as a representative of the older people from the community and was warmly welcomed.

"She spoke to Dr Alex McMinn, chairman of the West Lancashire Ageing Well Forum and representatives from other organisations and charities, including the county's schools chief, County Councillor Nikki Hennessey, Councillor May Blake, the older people's champion for West Lancs, Greg Mitten from WLCVS and borough councillor Terry Aldridge.

"The forum and their partners are now creating an action plan aimed at helping older people living in the community to have an active, healthy, quality lifestyle and to combat loneliness.

"Eleanor told the panel that she thinks it's vital that older residents are helped to stay youthful by spending time with younger people, particularly children and young adults, and it's important for older people to feel included in the wider community.

"The members of the forum will invite her back in the future to discuss the results of the action plan."

• LEFT: Eleanor Fillingham (centre) is pictured with members of the West Lancashire Ageing Well Forum at their meeting to discuss improved services for older people in the borough.

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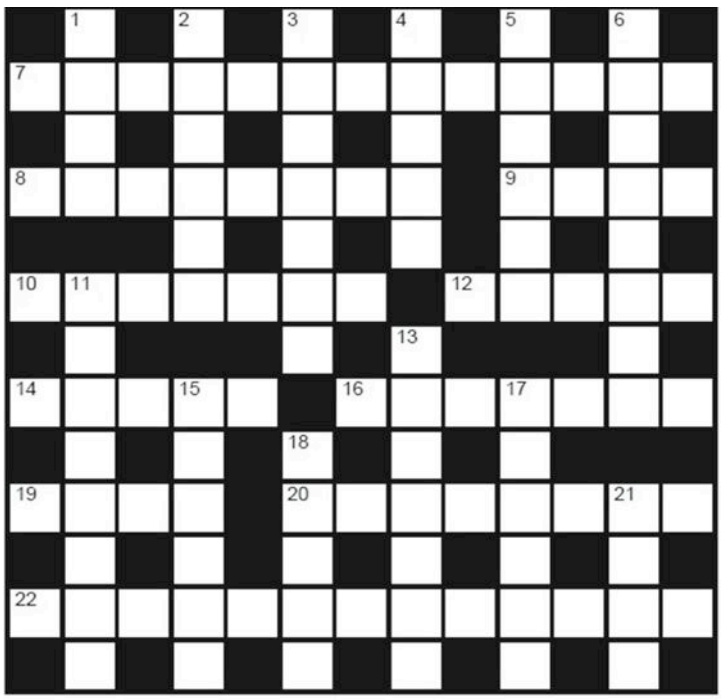

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ACROSS

7 Sanctimonious (4-9)
8 To become mates with (8)
9 Flat bread popular in Indian restaurants (4)
10 Segregated area of a court of law (4,3)
12 Sound made by forcing breath through the nose, used to express indignation or derision (5)
14 Nimble, acrobatic (5)
16 Forestall, prevent (3-4)
19 Group of inter-related families, especially in Scotland (4)
20 Relating to a geographical area (8)
22 Of a pale yellow appearance (5-8)

DOWN

1 Shallow lake (4)
2 Public brawl (6)
3 Governor of a country, province, or colony, ruling as the representative of a sovereign (7)
4 Hue, tint (5)
5 Instrument used in fighting or hunting (6)
6 To flatter someone, usually for an ulterior motive (6,2)
11 Hoofed animal (8)
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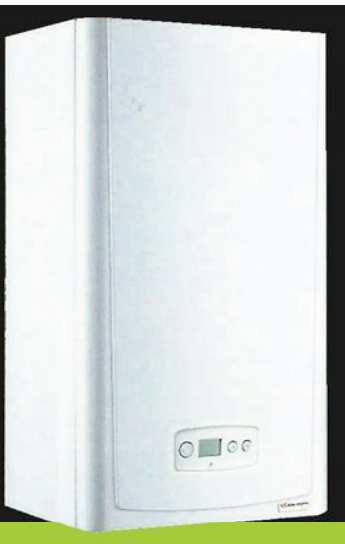

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County's services in running for local government awards

LANCASHIRE County Council services have been nominated for six national awards.

The county has received six nominations for the Local Government Chronicle (LGC) Awards 2015, including three in the children's services category.

A programme involving former members of the armed forces working as mentors in schools has been short–listed in three different categories – children's services, community involvement and innovative service delivery model.

The county council's ex–service personnel mentoring programme provides positive role models for the pupils which encourages them to attend more regularly and do better in lessons.

The council was also nominated in the children's services category for a project which developed materials to help schools deliver the new national primary school curriculum. These are now used by schools outside Lancashire.

The innovative 'lifesupsanddowns project' which promoted ways for young people to cope with issues affecting their mood, was also nominated in the children's services category.

The council's integrated commissioning team was short–listed in a new category, 'Driving efficiency through technology', for developing a tenancy hours calculator for shared supported living for people with learning disabilities. It calculates how background support should be shared out between tenants in supported living, based on the activities they do.

County council leader, Councillor Jennifer Mein, said: "Just to be short–listed means that we've been nationally recognised as providing some of the best services in local government."

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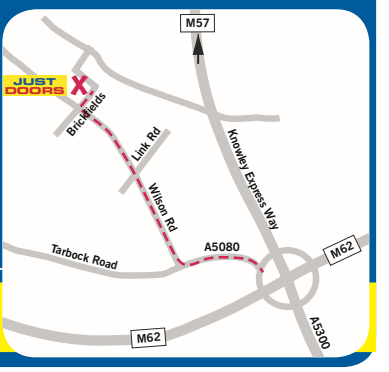

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Free heart tests in memory of budding football star

YOUNG people will be able to have their hearts screened free of charge at an event organised in memory of a promising young footballer from West Lancashire who died suddenly from an undiagnosed heart condition.

The screening at Edge Hill University on Friday and Saturday, February 27 and 28 is being organised in partnership with the charity CRY (Cardiac Risk in The Young) which works to reduce young sudden cardiac deaths.

The sessions have been organised by the Marshall family from Ormskirk who lost their son John in 1995.

The talented teenager atended the FA's National School of excellence and went on to play for England Schoolboys and under–16s. Rated one of the country's top players in his age group, he was due to start work for Everton when he died suddenly died at the age of 16 of cardiomyopathy.

John's sister and mother, Hayley Crosbie and Maureen Marshall, who are also CRY county representatives for Lancashire, said: "After John's death we started to campaign for CRY. Then we found out that if John had lived just another 10 days, Everton were screening and his condition would have been identified.

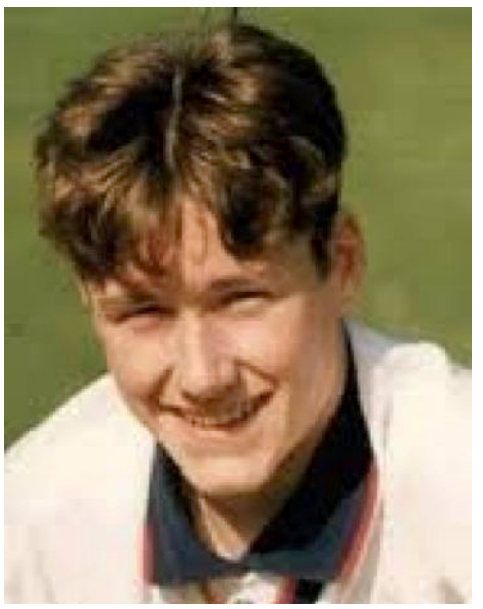
"CRY changed our lives as it gave us answers to John's death and gave us the opportunity to try and stop others going through what we had."

After fundraising £7,000, the Marshall family are holding their sixth free heart screening in memory of John, enabling 200 young people to have their hearts tested over the two days free of charge.

Those who attend will receive a simple ECG test that takes no longer than five minutes and is performed by local nurses. They will also be seen by the CRY doctor, and if felt necessary, an echocardiogram will be offered.

If any further tests are needed, people will be referred through their GP. These tests can cost hundreds of pounds but CRY subsidise the cost to just £35 per person, which enables events like this.

There is an online booking system where you will need to provide details of your GP and will receive a cnfirmation email from CRY. To book an appointment go to www.testmyheart.org /events/john–marshall–screening–event/.



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Freemasons' £500 boost for charity

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A LOCAL branch of the Freemasons have donated £500 to a charity which supports adults with learning disabilities.

The Aughton Lodge branch of the West Lancashire Freemasons, based at O'Briens Tea Rooms in Ormskirk, presented a cheque to the the Timesavers charity which provides adults with learning disabilities in the borough with work experience by providing an administration service for local voluntary sector organisations.

They money will be used to purchase office equipment to help people with moderate learning disabilities gain work experience in office skills to help them find permanent employment.

Timesavers was set up five years ago by a group of parents who were concerned about the lack of paid jobs or work experience placements in administration for adults with learning difficulties.

Generous

John Haggart, Timesavers' chairman, said: "This donation will help us to purchase some much–needed office equipment and we are all very grateful to Aughton Lodge for their generous gift.

"Our charity aims to help overcome barriers to employability for people with moderate learning disabilities by supporting them to gain further skills and work experience in all aspects of office work such as typing, computer skills, photocopying, filing and shredding, together with improving their communication skills."

Timesavers are looking for local companies who could provide the charity with some administration work.

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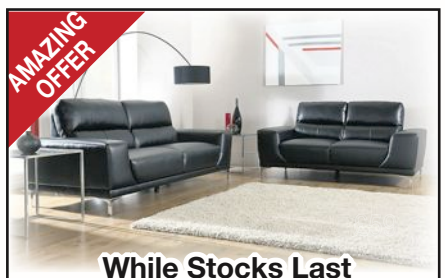

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Rob's a smash hit at county sports awards

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A TENNIS tutor from Ormskirk was served up an ace when he was awarded Coach of the Year at the 2015 Lancashire Sports Awards.

Rob Owens, who has led Ormskirk Tennis Club for children for the last 14 years, was selected for his outstanding commitment and the impact he has had across Lancashire and Sefton.

He was presented with his award at the presentation ceremony held in Blackpool.

Alan Stubbings, from Ormskirk Tennis Club, said: "Rob holds sports–based and support sessions with children who have disabilities ranging from cerebral palsy and Down's syndrome to Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and autism, very often free of charge.

"He has created and worked as part of a schools' tennis and sports programme serving more than 50 primary schools and five high schools, which is one of the largest known schools' tennis programmes in the country. He has engaged more than 1,000 pupils in tennis.

"He also works with the local authority to develop and run the borough's Tennis Festival, held in July each year.

"And he has applied for many funding bids to facilitate the development of Ormskirk Tennis Club and programmes of activity for local people and he has given his time freely to the club and many schools in order to run teams, fun days, competitions, social events and a weekly match play sessions."

Rob Owens, centre, with his Coach of the Year Award certificate and members of Ormskirk Tennis Club **Code NA**

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Rob Owens said: "I am delighted and honoured to have received the award, it was very humbling.

"I am committed to continuing the work I undertake and hope to continue to be able to have a positive impact. Thanks must also go to those who work alongside me as without them, the effect of what has been delivered would not have been as great."

Fiona Cottam, headteacher at Aughton St Michael's Primary School, also praised his skills. She said: "Rob is a very dedicated and professional coach. He works incredibly hard to promote his sport. His passion and enthusiasm for the sport shines through."

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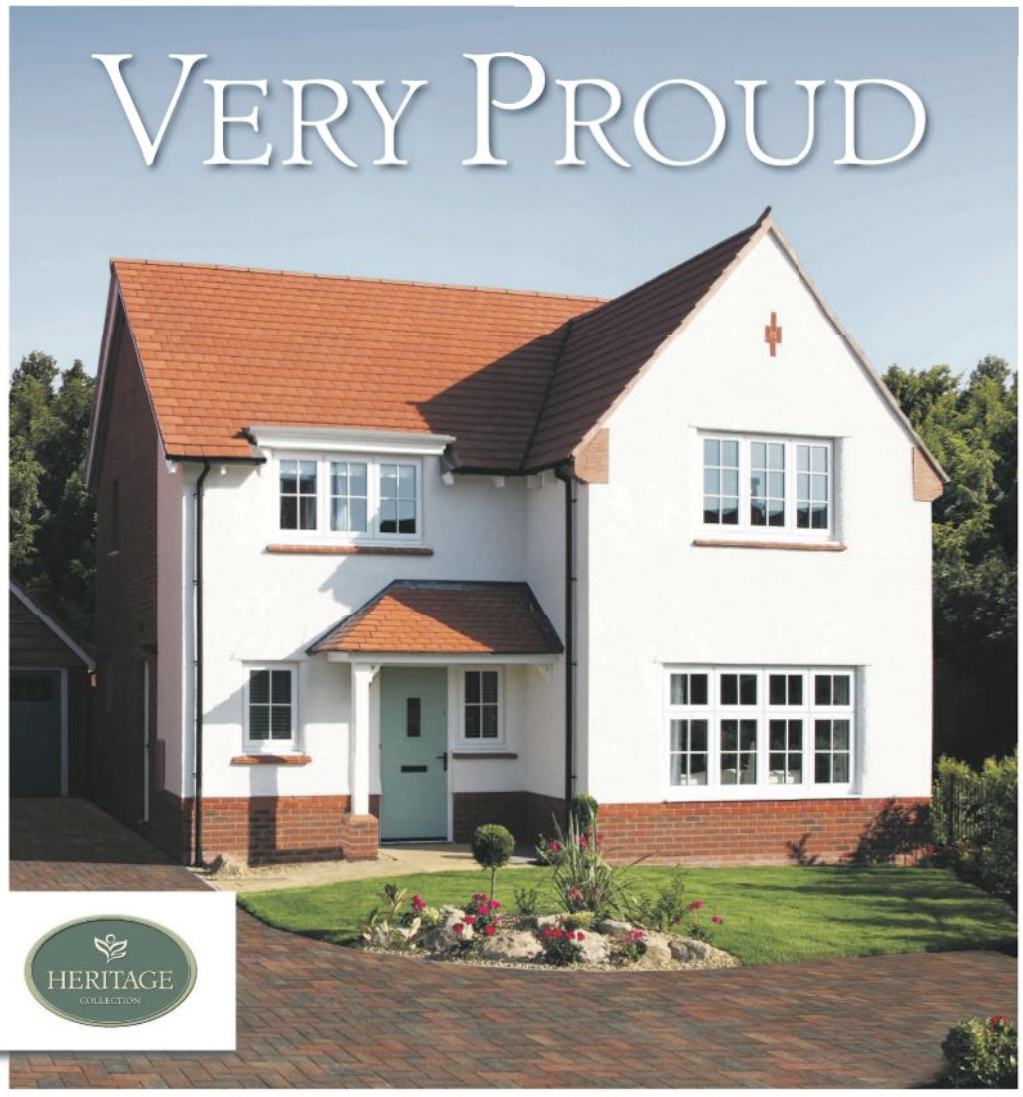

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Borough council backs national online campaign

By **Danielle Thompson**

Councillor Jane Houlgrave

WEST Lancs Council is supporting a national campaign aimed at encouraging people to discover the benefits of going online.

The Be Online Campaign, which runs from February 23 to March 8, focuses on the many possibilities that going online opens up, from helping you to find work to keeping in touch with loved ones, plus services to support your health and everyday things like finding information, managing your money and following hobbies.

According to the latest figures from the Office of National Statistics between 10% and 14% of West Lancashire residents don't use the Internet.

Councillor Jane Houlgrave, the council's cabinet member for digital inclusion, said: "We want to inspire as many people as possible to discover the possibilities that open up when you're online. The Be Online campaign is designed to help people make the most of using the Internet to live life to the full.

"If you or someone you know needs to access a computer or help to get online and using the Internet, there's lots of support to get started."

'Get online – Learn the Basics' are bite–size courses at Lancashire County Council–run libraries with one–to–one help which are useful for people even if they haven't used a computer before. These take place at Skelmersdale library every Monday from 9.30am to 12.30pm and Ormskirk library every Thursday from 2.45 to 3.45pm.

The courses aim to help users become confident enough to progress from supported sessions to using a computer independently at home or in the library in six weeks or less. Courses are free but places are limited and should be booked in advance by calling 0300 123 6709.

There are other places throughout the borough that provide free access to the Internet and guidance to help you get started, while staff in any post office can tell you the nearest places for access, training and informal online support in your local community.

Lancashire County Council's adult learning service also provides a range of targeted provision to disadvantaged adults in the community, as well as a publicly advertised programme of learning.

Courses develop the ICT skills of jobseekers and others who have little or no experience of using computers. There are also opportunities to learn how to use iPads and tablets, send emails and use the internet.

The service also has an information, advice and guidance team to help people to get into learning and work. For details call 0300 123 6711.

County finance chief moves to allay fears over funding of school crossing patrols

THE county's finance chief has moved to allay fears that schools in Lancashire would be asked to fund the full cost of crossing patrols from their individual budgets.

County Councillor David Borrow, the county council's deputy leader and finance portfolio holder, said: "It is not, and never has been, the intention to ask schools to fund the full cost of school crossing patrols from their own budgets. It is unfortunate that there has been some confusion amongst those who have not been close to ongoing discussions on the best way to fund these services.

"The council's current policy, as agreed at full council in February last year, is that schools will receive a grant from the council towards the cost of school crossing patrols, and that the county council would continue to provide the school crossing patrol service. This policy has not yet been implemented.

"As part of work to set the council's budget, an alternative proposal was discussed which considers the funding of the school crossing patrol service from the central resources available to schools – a proposal which is very much subject to consultation with the schools forum. It was on this basis that the proposals from cabinet were put forward to full council – there is no intention that schools should fund this from their individual budgets.

"It is important to stress that there will be no change in the council's approach until the consultation with the schools forum has been fully, and properly, undertaken.

"Lancashire schools are an important partner and we will work with them to make sure any proposed changes to the funding of school crossing patrols are properly considered and consulted upon."

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Artists rise to the challenge

ARTISTS and designers from throughout the region have risen to the challenge posed by an intriguing title for their latest exhibition.

The theme of Elements was chosen as the exhibition in the Gallery at the Wharf Burscough to highlight the work of members of the Art and Craft Guild of Lancashire and a group of guest artists.

Guild members who run the gallery as an artists' collective, organise a programme of themed exhibitions throughout the year to showcase original painting; jewellery; ceramics; textiles; and photography, all of which are on sale.

Speaking of the exhibition, Paula Maxfield, Gallery at the Wharf director said: "The way the artists have interpreted the title has led to a stunning display of work featuring; fabric figures, created from re–cycled materials; glass designs, based on puddles; and silk panels, inspired by the subtle colours, textures and ambiguous forms of eroded and weathered beach debris.

"It is an impressive display of art and the feedback we've had already has been fantastic."

Mal Mentha with some of the work on display at the exhibition Code NA

The Gallery at the Wharf in Liverpool Road, Burscough is the guild's permanent space for exhibiting and selling their work and is open daily from 10–5pm.

The Elements exhibition lasts until March 29 and is followed by another creative challenge – Country Matters which starts on March 31.

More information www.galleryatthewharf.co.uk/

Chinese New Year celebrated

VISITORS to Burscough Wharf enjoyed double celebrations recently, marking its fourth anniversary and Chinese New Year.

Members of The Liverpool Hung Gar Kung Fu School and Kwong Tam Merseyside School of Tai Chi, performed live displays in the courtyard throughout the afternoon, including traditional dance and martial arts displays featuring a 70ft dragon.

Site manager, Ray Eckersley said: "The day went really well, we had even more visitors than last year and it was great to see people getting into the spirit of the occasion.

"As well as the entertainment, unsurprisingly one of the most popular novel attractions was the opportunity for people to have their photographs taken wearing a full size Chinese Lion Head."

Throughout the afternoon decorated rickshaws took people for rides round Burscough village, while the popular Lucky Man gave away 300 gift envelopes to children before visiting each of the Wharf's business owners to wish them a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Chinese New Year celebrated at Wharf Code NA

Adding a temporary serene element to the celebrations, Ken Tam and his Tai Chi group also performed a series of routines involving fans and swords to relaxing traditional music.

Ray added: "This event is proving to be very popular in the Wharf's calendar, so we're looking forward to hosting something similar again next year, perhaps with some more new features."

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Thank you to the Reverend Ian Jones for the really lovely service for Reg.
Thank you also to Malcolm Serjeant of Cookson Tyrer for the dignified arrangements.
Thank you to all.
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DEATHS

WALSHAW KATHLEEN BETTY

10th February 2015

Aged 93 Years

Greatly missed by all her family and many friends.
Service at Southport Crematorium on Thursday 19th February at 10:00am.
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Funeral service at St Cuthbert's Parish Church, Southport on Friday 20th February at 11:00am followed by interment in St Cuthbert's Churchyard.
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DEATHS

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February 9th 2015

Aged 72 years

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The funeral service to take place at Southport Crematorium on Tuesday 24th February at 12.40pm.
Family flowers only please.

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DEATHS

Johnson Aloysius (Al)

Passed away on 5th February 2015

Aged 85 years

Loving Husband of Mary, Father to Elaine, Father in law to Phil, Grandfather to Lee, Nick and Stacey, Great Grandfather to Allie.
Will be missed by all family and friends.
Funeral service at St. Annes Church Ormskirk at 10.45 on Friday 20th February followed by committal at Southport Crematorium.
Family flowers only but donations if desired to Prostate Cancer UK.
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DEATHS

HOUSE OLIVE Nee Bradley

February 9th 2015
Aged 89 Years
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DEATHS

Cummings Mary

12th February 2015

Suddenly in hospital with her family beside her, after a long illness bravely borne aged 76 years

Dearly beloved wife of Ted. Much loved mum of Myles, Jacqui and Debi. Dear Mother in law of Brian and Keith. Proud gran of Adam, Oliver, Jack, Rory, Che and Alfie and Great gran to Mia.
Mary will be sadly missed by all her family and all who knew her. Requiem mass at Our Lady and All Saints RC Church, Lancaster Lane, Parbold on Tuesday 24th February 2015 at 11am followed by interment in the Churchyard. Family flowers only by request donations if desired are being gratefully received by the family on behalf of Parkinson's UK. Further enquiries please to Cookson Tyrer Funeral Directors Burscough. Tel: 01704 897770
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DEATHS

MOORE MONA DOROTHY

8th February 2015
aged 85 years

Peacefully in Cherry Tree Lodge Retirement Home.

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DEATHS

SPENCER NEVILLE CHARLES

February 7th 2015

Aged 79 years

Dear husband of 57 years to Dot, special Pa and best friend to Sue, father-in-law and 'the Guv" to Stuart, fun grandad to Sofia and Lucas, greatly loved uncle of Neil. Sadly missed by all his family and friends. Service at Southport Crematorium on Thursday 19th February at 12:40pm.
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Higgins Mark

22nd February 2007

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IN MEMORIAM

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xxxx
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IN MEMORIAM

Knowles Ann

4th February 1977

IN MEMORY

To be remembered by those who loved her, was all she would have wished.

Love
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xxx
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IN MEMORIAM

Johnson Edward (Eddie)

15th February 2011

I miss talking to you,
I miss the laughter,
I miss our trips out,
I miss my Dad.

But Dad,
As long as I have memories,
As long as I have tears,
You'll never be forgotten,
Not in a million years

from daughter
San and Alec
x x
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IN MEMORIAM

McARD James (Macca)

20th February 2012

No longer in our lives to share.
But in our hearts you are always there.
Love from Mum and family
XXXXX
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IN MEMORIAM

Johnson Edward (Eddie)

15th February 2011

To hear your voice and see you smile,
to sit with you and chat a while,
That is what we wish today,
Dad in our hearts you will always stay.

Miss and love you always
Gary, Angela, Abbie & Chloe
XXXX
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IN MEMORIAM

Johnson Edward (Eddie)

15th February 2011

Some gifts in life are big and some are small,
But to have you in our lives Dad,
was the greatest gift of all.

from Alan and Carol
xx
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IN MEMORIAM

Johnson Edward (Eddie)

15th February 2011

We miss you Grandad in so many ways,
We miss the things you used to say,
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Grandson Phil, Kelly and great grandson Daniel
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IN MEMORIAM

Johnson Edward (Eddie)

15th February 2011

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This prayer must be said for three consecutive days. After the third day the request will be granted no matter how difficult it may be. Promise to publish the entire dialogue as a condition of having your request granted.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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(VARIOUS ROADS, BURSCOUGH, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle from proceeding over the following lengths of highway in the West Lancashire borough:-
1)Red Cat Lane from its junction with A59 Liverpool Road North to its junction with Tarlscough Lane.
2)Tarlscough Lane from its junction with Red Cat Lane to its junction with Fish Lane.
3)Fish Lane from its junction with Tarlscough Lane to its junction with Berry House Road.
4)Berry House Road from its junction with Fish Lane to its junction with Wiggins Lane.
5)Wiggins Lane from its junction with Berry House Road to its junction with B5246 Holmeswood Road.

Alternative routes for vehicular traffic affected by the closure are via:-
1)A59 Liverpool Road North – A59 Moss Lane – A59 Liverpool Road North – B5246 Holmeswood Road – Wiggins Lane – Berry House Road – Fish Lane and vice versa
2)Fish Lane - Tarlscough Lane – Red Cat Lane - A59 Liverpool Road North – A59 Moss Lane – A59 Liverpool Road North – B5246 Holmeswood Road and vice versa

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway resurfacing works to be carried out.
The prohibition will be operative daily from 0800 hours until 1700 hours on Thursday 26th February 2015 until Wednesday 11th March 2015 or until completion of the works within this period. It is intended that the works will be completed on a rolling basis.

Andrew Burrows, Public Realm Manager
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The Local Authority (Referendums) (Petitions) (England) Regulations 2011

Publication of Verification Number

In accordance with Regulation 4(1) of the above regulations the number that is equal to 5% of the number of local government electors shown in the revised register of electors having effect on the 15th February 2015 is:

4118

This figure will have effect for the purposes of determining the validity of Petitions presented from 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2016.
The number equal to 5% of the local government electors for 2016 will be published within 14 days of the 15th February 2016. If this number is less than 4118, the number to be used for verification purposes, in relation to any petition presented in the period beginning on the date of publication of the lower number and ending on 31st March 2016, shall be that lower number.

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15 February 2015

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THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(CHORLEY ROAD, PARBOLD, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1)(a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle from proceeding over that length of Chorley Road, Parbold, from its junction with Robin Lane to its junction with Bentley Lane, Parbold.

An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: -

Bannister Lane – Whittle Lane – High Moor Lane – Robin Hood Lane – A5209 Hall Lane – A5209 Sparrow Hill – A5209 Parbold Hill – B5246 Lancaster Lane – B5246 Chorley Road and vice versa.

The temporary closure is necessary to allow carriageway patching works to be carried out.

The prohibition will be in operation daily between 0800 hours and 1700 hours on Monday 23rd February 2015 until Friday 27th February, or until completion of the works within this period.

Andrew Burrows, Public Realm Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0845 053 0011
[Ref: LHS/BS/08/084/HD]

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THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(MOOR STREET, ORMSKIRK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) (TEMPORARY ONE WAY TRAFFIC) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF LOADING AND UNLOADING) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1)(a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle from proceeding over that length of Moor Street from its junction with Aughton Street to its junction with Railway Road, Ormskirk, West Lancashire.

An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via; Church Street - A570 Church Street - A570 Derby Street West - A570 Derby Street - A570 Stanley Street - A577 Moor Street - Moor Street.
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The temporary closure is necessary to allow town development works to be carried out.

The prohibition will be in operation from 0800 hours on Sunday 15th February 2015 until 1700 hours on Friday 9th October 2015, or until completion of the works within this period.

AND FURTHER, during the period of the said closure, Motor Vehicles and cycles will be temporarily prohibited from traveling over that length of Moorgate from its junction with Moor Street for a distance of 35 metres heading in a southerly direction;

AND FURTHER, during the period of the said closure, Motor Vehicles and cycles will be temporarily prohibited from traveling in a south easterly direction on Chruch Street from its junction with Burscough Street to its junction with A570 Church Street;

AND FURTHER, during the period of the said closure, Motor Vehicles and cycles will be temporarily prohibited from traveling in a northerly direction on Burscough Street from its junction with Church Street to its junction with A570 Derby Street;

AND FURTHER, during the period of the said closure, Motor Vehicles and cycles will be temporarily prohibited from traveling in a south westerly direction on Aughton Street from its junction with Moor Street to its junction with A570 Park Road.

AND FURTHER, during the period of the said closure, access for vehicles loading or unloading to premises on the following streets will be in operation from 0700 hours until 1000 hours and 1600 hours and 1900 hours daily;

oChurch Street from its junction with Burscough Street to its junction with A570 Church Street.
oAughton Street from its junction with Moor Street to its junction with A570 Park Road.
oBurscough Street from its junction with Church Street to its junction with A570 Derby Street.

Andrew Burrows,Public Realm Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0845 053 0011
[Ref: LHS/BS/08/095/LTM]

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West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010 - Article 13

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 2015/0067/COU Change of use of a former agricultural building to office and storage at Hoscar Hall Farm, Hoscar Moss Road, Lathom.
The proposed development affects a right of way to which Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 applies.
Application No: 2015/0086/FUL Removal of the agricultural occupancy condition No. 3 imposed on planning permission Ref. 8/6/5760 at Sunnyside, Drummersdale Lane, Scarisbrick.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2015/0024/FUL* Demolition of existing flat roofed single garage and erection of new pitched roof double garage at St Marys Rectory, 17 Church Road, Rufford.
Application No: 2015/0072/FUL* Erection of car port at side of detached house at Timbers, Course Lane, Newburgh.
Application No: 2015/0073/COU Change of use of part of an existing barn to a teaching kitchen at Barn At, South Tunley Hall, Tunley Lane, Wrightington.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
Application No: 2015/0075/COU Change of use from C3 (Residential) to mixed use of C3 (Residential) and D1 (Day Care Centre) at 1 Brooklands Road, UpHolland.
Application No: 2015/0091/FUL* Conversion of integral garage to bedroom and bay window extension at front at Crimond, Croasdale Drive, Parbold.
Application No: 2015/0093/FUL* Conversion of garden room to accommodate an easily accessible bedroom and sanitary facilities for disabled persons. New garden room extension at Tyrers Farm, Wood Lane, Lathom.
Application No: 2015/0094/LBC Listed Building Consent - Conversion of garden room to accommodate an easily accessible bedroom and sanitary facilities for disabled persons. New garden room extension at Tyrers Farm, Wood Lane, Lathom.
Application No: 2015/0131/LBC Listed Building Consent - Change of use of part of an existing barn to a baking school at Barn At, South Tunley Hall, Tunley Lane, Wrightington.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's web site www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to the Planning Division, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.
* Householder Applications
In the event of an appeal against a refusal of planning permission, which is to be dealt with on the basis of representations in writing, any comments made will be sent to the Secretary of State, and there will be no further opportunity to comment.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI
Assistant Director Planning

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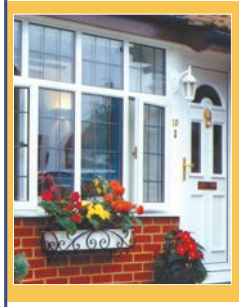

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The Classic Car Show is no Top Gear but I like it!

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TOP GEAR is back on form. It seems that no matter how much the tabloids knock its presenters for offending everyone from here to Argentina, the show keeps gorging itself on spinach and coming back even stronger.

Even though it's been years since it's done a properly down–to–Earth, sensible set of wheels you really can't fault it for entertaining motoring telly. I laughed like a drain when Richard Hammond's ambulance used a pressurised gas cannon to fire a patient through the window of a makeshift hospital.

But Top Gear keeping on the edge of your sofa in an occasionally offensively entertaining way is nothing new. All anyone has wanted to ask me this week is what I think of The Classic Car Show.

Chances are – if the petrolhead consensus I've been following is anything to go by – you'll have reached one of two conclusions having watched the opening episode. Either you'll have been switched off entirely by its unashamedly upmarket, glossy take on the world of old cars and vowed never to watch it again. Or you've already committed to watching all 13 episodes because a) it's motoring telly and you'd rather watch it than Emmerdale, and more importantly b) because it has its moments of brilliance. I'm in the latter camp.

There have been things about The Classic Car Show that made my mind melt slightly – there will, for instance, be a special place reserved at the back of my mind alongside Katie Hopkins and failed 2006 rom–com You, Me and Dupree for the vapid awfulness of the piece which asked Tinie Tempah for his opinion on the Mercedes–Benz 300SL Gullwing. Quentin Willson, however, tackled the Mustang's 50th anniversary with genuine clout and authority, and the pieces on the £5000 classic cars – TR7, XJ–S and so on – have been packed with warmth and nostalgia.

In fact, I actually admire The Classic Car Show for daring to do something different. Unless you want Top Gear or a show about two blokes buying an old car, restoring it and flogging it on – and after the success of Wheeler Dealers, they're ten a penny – there hasn't really been much for people into cars to choose from.

Regular readers will know I've pleaded with TV's powers that be for a proper, magazine–format show – the sort Top Gear used to do when they had to make reviewing the Vectra look interesting. This isn't it, but I like it because it's a fresh take on a subject car nuts love.

The Classic Car Show isn't perfect, but it's got a slot on my Thursday evenings.

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11 NISSAN NOTE ACENTA AUTOMATIC 5DR, finished in blade silver, VERY VERY LOW MILEAGE only 3,300 from new, 1 owner, serviced by Nissan, special edition Acenta model, CD player, electric windows, 12 months Parbold parts and labour warranty, like new . . . £6695

54 CHRYSLER JEEP CHEROKEE STATION WAGON DIESEL 4WD, finished in strato silver, 72,000 miles, manual transmission, Chrysler alloy wheels, grey cloth trim, CRD model, full MoT, cambelt recently changed, full service history. £4295

05 KIA SEDONA DIESEL 7 SEATER, manual transmission, finished in crystal blue metallic, full 12 months MoT test, 3 months Parbold parts and labour warranty, sliding side door, CD, alloys, air-con £2795

56 CITROEN PICASSO 1.6 HDI DIESEL, in silver, FSH, full 12 months MoT, 2 owners from new, remote central locking, low insurance, only group 5, superb economy, PAS, velour cloth trim, MPV 5 seater. £2895

54 VAUXHALL ZAFIRA 7 SEATER, midnight blue, 66,000 miles, full MoT, central locking, CD player, A/C, 2 keys £1995

07 PEUGEOT 207 SW DIESEL ESTATE, finished in panther black, full service history, factory fitted roof rails, 2 keys, remote locking, multi change CD, Peugeot alloy wheels, full MoT, cheap road tax £3695

54 PEUGEOT CC CONVERTIBLE, finished in midnight black, alloys, service history, elec roof, 12 months MoT, 2 keys, matching grey cloth trim, CD, elec windows & mirrors, all previous MoTs available, Air con, superb condition. £2595

53 FIAT DOBLO MPV 5 SEATER SX MODEL, long wheel base, finished in metallic silver, full 12 months MoT, side sliding doors, huge luggage area, service history, PAS, 3 months Parbold engine & gearbox warranty. £1995

09 RENAULT MEGANE 1.6 EXPRESSION, finished in blade silver, travelled only 32,000 miles from new, 1 owner, full Renault service history, A/C, Renault alloys, elec mirrors & windows, full MoT, matching charcoal cloth trim. £4995

05 RENAULT MEGANE DIESEL CONVERTIBLE, just had MoT, 2 keys, Renault alloy wheels, remote locking, service history, electric windows, power assisted steering. . £1995

07 NISSAN NOTE, cheapest in town, in silver, SE model, Nissan alloys, CD player, elec windows & mirrors, service history, remote locking, 2 keys, high mileage hence £1695

05 RENAULT CLIO EXTREME 1.2, finished in electric blue metallic, Renault alloy wheels, 12 months MoT, new tyres, power steering, low insurance group, 3 months Parbold engine & gearbox warranty £2295

57 VAUXHALL CORSA DESIGN 1200CC 3-DR HATCHBACK, finished in midnight black, just been MoT'd. Vauxhall alloys, 1 lady owner from brand new, electric front windows, aircon as standard, 2 keys supplied with remote central locking £3695

10 RENAULT CLIO EXPRESSION DIESEL, 49,000 miles from new, 1 owner, FSH, full MOT, 2 keys, e/windows, remote locking, CD player, 3 months Parbold Parts & Labour warranty, only £30 per year road tax. £4995

57 RENAULT CAMPUS 1.2, finished in slate grey, service history, full 12 months MoT, low insurance group only group 2, 1200cc, 2 keys, remote control central locking, Renault alloy wheels £2795

53 JAGUAR S TYPE 4 DR SALOON, finished in midnight black, 2 owners, cream leather trim, walnut capped dash finish, electric windows & mirrors, recent MoT, AUTOMATIC. £2795

08 CITROEN XSARA PICASSO HDI DIESEL, finished in star silver metallic, special edition desire model, FSH, mpv 5 seater, 2 keys, full 12 months MoT, 3 months Parbold parts and labour warranty, electric windows& mirrors , A/C, CD player, grey cloth trim £3395

53 FORD FUSION 1.4, finished in sage metallic, 5dr hatchback, full MoT, 3 months Parbold parts and labour warranty, low insurance, 2 keys, superb condition, multi CD, Ford alloys £1795

56 NISSAN NOTE ACENTA MODEL 5-DR HATCHBACK, in intense blue, 49,000 miles, 2 keys, A/C, Multi CD, service history, full MoT. £3595

57 MAZDA 2 ANTARES, finished in strato silver, only 1 owner from brand new, travelled only 21,000 miles, service history, PAS, elec windows & mirrors, 2 keys, r/locking **ONLY £2995**

AUTOMATICS

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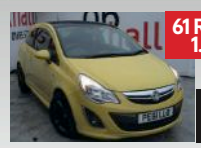

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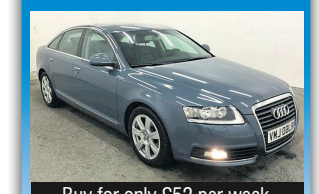

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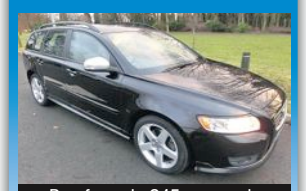

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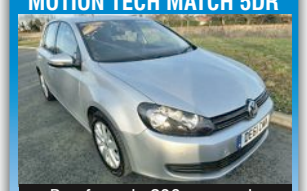

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Silver, 97,000 miles, alloys, cruise, E/W, reverse parking aid

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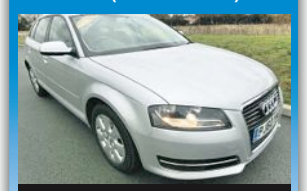

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Silver, 110,000 miles, cruise, FSH, E/W, CD, A/C, immaculate condition

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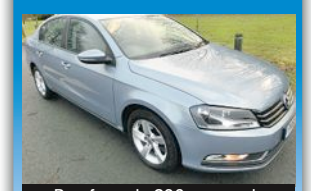

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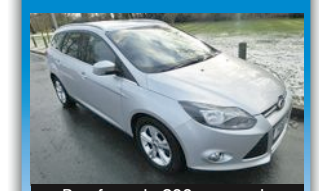
Grey, 111,000 miles, FSH, A/C, alloys, Bluetooth, 6CD autochanger

2011 (61) FORD FOCUS 1.6 TDCi 115 ZETEC 5DR



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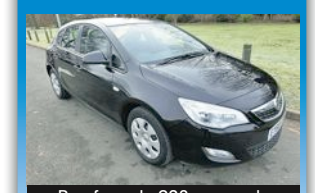

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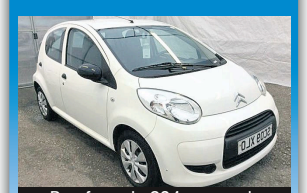

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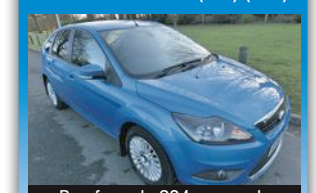
2008 (58) FORD FOCUS 1.6 TDCi TITANIUM 5DR (110) (DPF)



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2008 (58) FORD FOCUS 1.8 TDCI TITANIUM 5DR

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GFV	£6284
Total Charge for Credit	£929.21
Total Amount Payable	£9560
APR	6.9%
Annual Mileage	5,000

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£999* DEPOSIT | £112* PER MONTH

Finance Example:

Vehicle Price	£10111.11
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Vauxhall Finance Deposit Allowance	£500
Amount Financed	£8612.11
35 x Monthly Payments	£112.70
GFV	£5260
Total Charge for Credit	£592.39
Total Amount Payable	£10703.50
APR	2.9%
Annual Mileage	5,000

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£999* DEPOSIT | £129* PER MONTH

Finance Example:

Vehicle Price	£10499
Customer Deposit	£999
Vauxhall Finance Deposit Allowance	£544
Amount Financed	£8956
35 x Monthly Payments	£129.11
GFV	£5035
Total Charge for Credit	£597.85
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APR	2.9%
Annual Mileage	5,000

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Customer Deposit	£213
Vauxhall Finance Deposit Allowance	£2000
Amount Financed	£12786
60 x Monthly Payments	£213.10
Total Charge for Credit	£0
Total Amount Payable	£14999
APR	0%

PCP OFFER — MOKKA 1.6 TECH LINE (SAT NAV)

£999* DEPOSIT | £239* PER MONTH

Finance Example:

Vehicle Price	£14689.45
Customer Deposit	£999
Amount Financed	£13690.45
35 x Monthly Payments	£239.99
GFV	£7422
Total Charge for Credit	£2131.20
Total Amount Payable	£16820.65
APR	6.9%
Annual Mileage	5,000

PCP OFFER — MERIVA 1.4 TECH LINE (SAT NAV)

£999* DEPOSIT | £189* PER MONTH

Finance Example:

Vehicle Price	£11683.37
Customer Deposit	£999
Amount Financed	£10684.37
35 x Monthly Payments	£189.99
GFV	£5688
Total Charge for Credit	£1653.28
Total Amount Payable	£13336.65
APR	6.9%
Annual Mileage	5,000

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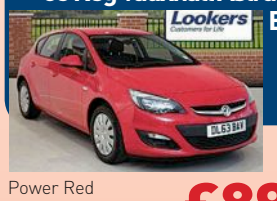

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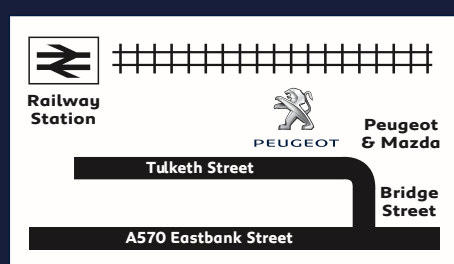

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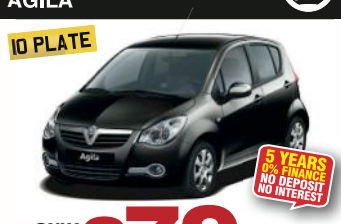

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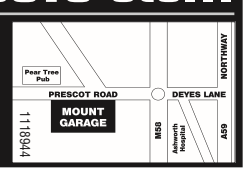

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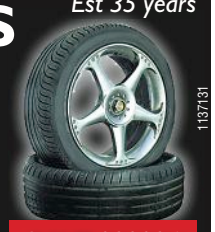
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Calling all former Richmond players for 40th anniversary dinner

BURSCOUGH Richmond FC are celebrating their 40th anniversary this year with a dinner dance at the Briars Hall Hotel, Lathom on Saturday, March 7 with a 7pm for 7.30pm start time.

Comedian John Stiles, son of former Manchester United star and England World Cup winner, Nobby, will provide the entertainment and there will also be a three–course meal,disco, raffle and a £100 cash draw. Club officials are hoping to see as many people who have been associated with the club over the last 40 years – either as players, officials, sponsors and supporters – as possible at the event to celebrate this milestone.

Tickets, priced £30, can ordered from Mike Flynn on 07813 870647; George Clandon on 07885 223518; or Chris Clandon on 07976 896195.

Back to winning ways

Lytham Town 0 Burscough Richmond 4

RICHMOND returned to winning ways with an early goal from Jordan Lorde followed by Galliers doubling the lead on 15 minutes. Substitute Mark Bailey came on in the second half to seal the game with a brace of goals. The win boost Richmond's promotion West Lancashire League Divison One hopes with a five point gap between them and second placed Poulton Town.

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Club owner outlines his vision for a new ground

BURSCOUGH supporters and residents attended a recent Burscough Parish Council meeting at which club owner Martin Gilchrist outlined his ambitions for the club to build a new ground.

The presentation stated that the plan would be in two parts with the initial part consisting of the demolition of Victoria Park and moving the club to a site behind the present ground.

There would then be housing built for the elderly on the pitch site together with a nursing home and a medical centre within the whole site, namely if phase two progressed. Sixty per cent of the housing would be for rental. The meeting was told that it is envisaged that the new ground would have a 3G pitch but this was dependent on part two of the scheme also being finished.

Part two would mean that the present sports centre would have to be demolished.

The chair of the parish council talked about the profits to be made from this land if this scheme were to go ahead and questioned the motives behind it, but was assured by the owner it was not just a profit making venture and most of the profits would be reinvested in the scheme.

The chair of the meeting was also assured that the scheme was financially viable.

Burscough Parish Councillor Brian Bailey said: "There is the general feeling with this second stage that it could be a little too ambitious.

"We also have concerns about financial reliability."

A further meeting will take place on Thursday, March 12, the day after the next parish council planning meeting, to further discuss the issue.

Burscough FC chairman Mike Swift said: "I am looking forward to the next meeting about the development with Burscough Parish Council. It is an interesting development plan."

Last gasp goal saves point for Linnets

Burscough 1
Padiham 1

BURSCOUGH grabbed a last gasp equaliser thanks to a fortunate own goal.

Padiham were troubled with several injuries and suspension which Burscough took advantage of early on in the first half with attacks down both wings.

The visitors' keeper Sean Davis saved bravely at the feet of Will Jones on 14 minutes and two minutes later found himself in action again to keep out a Wade Joyce strike on goals. Eddie Toner failed to hit the target with three further attempts on the Padiham goal before Lloyd Dean headed another opportunity over on 41 minutes.

In fact it wasn't until late in the first half that Padiham tested home keeper Calvin Hare when new signing David Kuba had a shot deflected into his hands.

Changes to Padiham's line–up at the interval saw Padiham bring on two substitutes and line up in a 4–4–2 formation which soon changed the direction of play.

The visitors now dominating proceedings and took a 1–0 lead on 55 minutes following a short corner and cross from Jordan Scott which former Blackpool striker Brett Ormerod headed past Burscough keeper Hare to put the Storks one up.

This was a lead Padiham looked like holding until Jordan Williams shot/cross which appeared to be diverted past the keeper by Padiham defender Tom Murphy in the final minute.

Burscough have no match this weekend. Their next scheduled fixture is league match away at Brighouse Town on Saturday, February 28.

Forward line–up poser for Lawson as Skem seek to revive scoring form

SKELMERSDALE United will be looking to strengthen their lead in the Evo–Stik Premier Division when they play King's Lynn Town at Stormy Corner on Saturday,*writes Neil Leatherbarrow*.

Although results haven't gone the way of Tommy Lawson's men over the last couple of weeks they are still five points clear at the top of the division as their rivals continue to drop points themselves.

So having won 3–0 at King's Lynn last month, the men from Norfolk will hold no fears for Skelmersdale.

Tommy Lawson is set to change the line–up after his side were guilty of wasting a number of scoring chances against Matlock last week.

Phil Mooney and Dale Wright both started the game from the bench against The Gladiators and impressed, especially with their willingness to get into goalscoring positions in the second–half, so could well be in contention to start.

King's Lynn are not in the best of form either, they have won only two games this calendar year and last week lost 2–1 at struggling Nantwich Town.

They sit in 12th position in the table and have only won two away games all season.

The Linnets have also lost top goalscorer George Thompson since they last played Skelmersdale, the 22–year –old having scored 21 goals this season.

• Club fundraising activities will continue when Tommy Lawson becomes an 'After Dinner Speaker', or an after supper speaker.

The event will be called 'An Evening with Tommy Lawson' and it is being held at the Social Club on Friday, February 27 at 8pm.

Late barrage not enough to save game

Skelmersdale United 0
Matlock Town 1

A LATE barrage on the Matlock goal was not enough to save the game at Stormy Corner on Saturday, writes Neil Leatherbarrow.

The visitors made a good start and scored the only goal of the game in the 29th minute, then held out.

The Matlock goal came via a goalmouth scramble as goalkeeper Steve James appeared to be crowded out as he went for a corner and McDonagh forced the ball home.

From then on Skelmersdale were the better side territorially as Matlock fell back and defended with the first part of their classic hit and run away team raid in the bag.

The quarter–hour before the interval saw Skelmersdale pressing Matlock hard. A tremendous turn by Dan Mitchley that put him clean in on goal was matched by an equally tremendous tackle by Julian Banton.

Mitchley also saw a shot got inches wide and yet another last ditch challenge from a defender save Matlock.

Straight from the kick–off for the second–half Matlock went close, Niall McManus missing at the far post from McDonagh's cross.

Skelmersdale asserted and now Matlock's threat came from counterattacks that diminished as the game went on.

Scott Bakkor was thwarted by Matlock goalkeeper Jon Kennedy, and Mitchley was similarly kept out minutes later.

McDonagh brought a save out of James on a breakaway move then gradually Skelmersdale forced Matlock back.

In the last ten minutes it was a case of Matlock hanging on.

A Mitchley flick put Phil Mooney through, but Kennedy saved. He then did the same thing from a Mitchley header.

Finally as the referee was poised to blow up for full–time a Dale Wright free–kick was bravely blocked.

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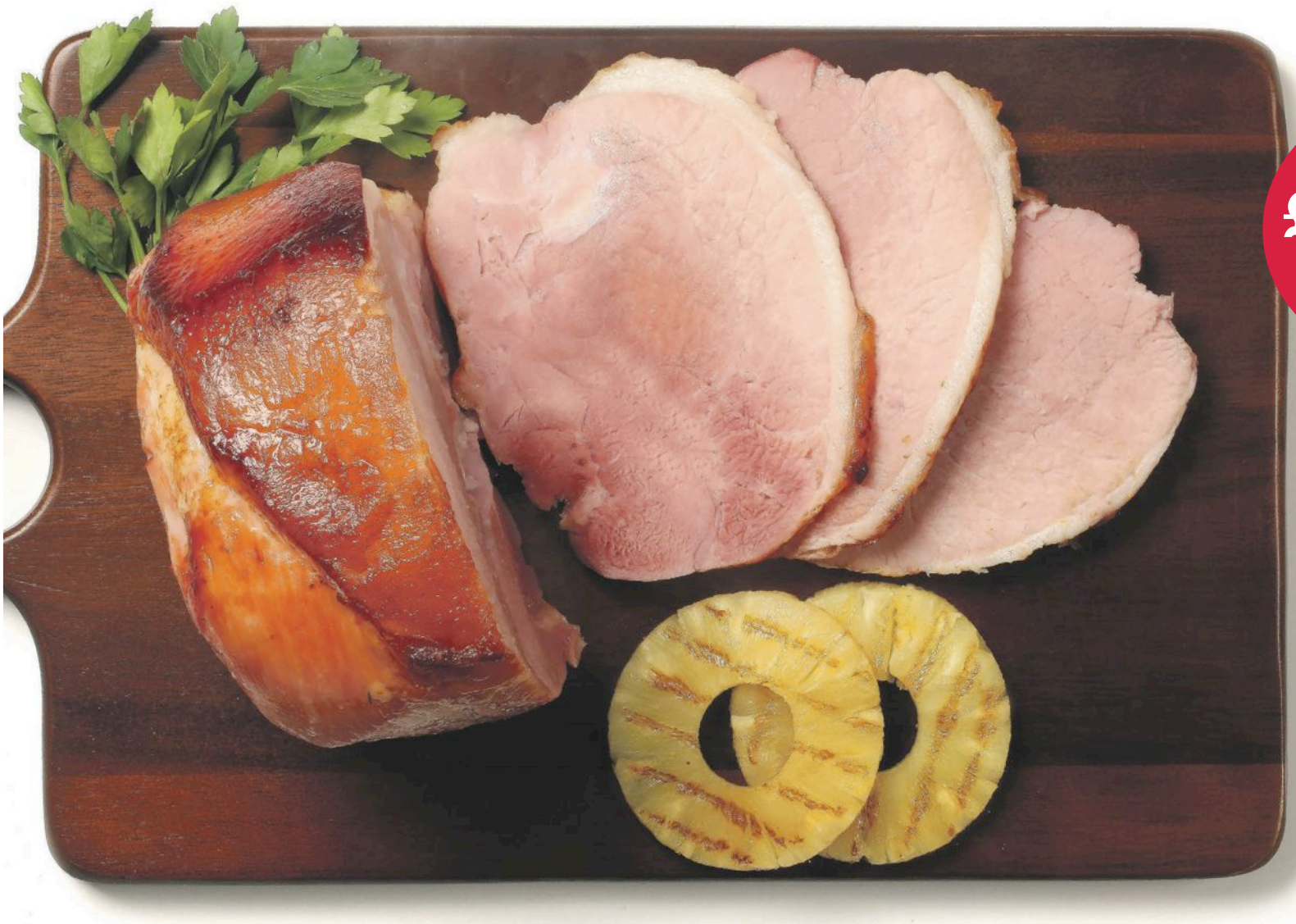

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